

NANA general meeting June 2024

June 11, 2024- North Avondale Recreation Center

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Sarah Koucky

Sarah announced Troy's resignation immediately due to his wife's health issues. She explained that her term had expired after two years. Dawn Johnson (2nd VP) volunteered to step into the role. We need to fill her VP position. Volunteers and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Sarah or Dawn.

Minutes from the previous May 2024 May minutes were approved.

Neighborhood Police Report:

Officer Crutcher and another police officer were present and presented and oral report.

- . Crime is down 30% from the prior year. Burglaries are sixteen, the same as last year.

- . Vacant buildings on Clinton Springs had follow up from Board of Health. They still have a few chickens.

- . There was a house fire at 693 Gholson. The estate is being settled and it will be demolished.

- . Dawn J. asked if anything could be done to change the time of Police Raids. There were two that happened when children and arriving at school. The short answer is NO. It is unfortunate but necessary. The overnight raids require a lot more planning and input from judges etc. The situation dictates the police actions.

Sarah announced the Connected Communities Code overhaul past city council. Six yes votes with three no votes.

Council Members Scotty Johnson, Jan Michelle Lemon Kearny and Victoria Parks were the no votes.

Council member Scotty Johnson was present and asked to address the group.

The three no votes are forming a **Task Force** to engage the communities and get real feedback to present to the whole City Council. These council members feel there was no Real community engagement, and the entire process was steam rolled. Most everyone agrees there is a need for more middle- and low-income housing. Mr. Johnson explained that the Task force will only be meaningful if there is community engagement and participation. There will be meetings scheduled and some will have to be Zoom meetings. PLEASE PARTICIPATE

NEXT Steps to address our opposition to the ordinance as it is written.

- . Form Based Code neighborhood plan.

- . Local Historic District exploration.

Local Historic District: Beth Johnson, Executive Director of Cinti. Historic Preservation.

Discussed the ins and outs of this designation and how to proceed if we wished to move ahead with this. She discussed some of the considerations for LHD. (Local Historic District) and Preservation Easements. The process would require the use of a consultant, Beth will supply us with a list of consultants knowledgeable in this area.

Cincinnati has twenty-seven historic districts and 53 Historic landmarks. North Avondale has two individual historic landmarks. There are fifty-two neighborhoods. The Cincinnati Preservation Association already has a lot of data they could be useful to us in this process.

Walt Koucky reminded everyone that we are actively in the process of updating North Avondale community plan from the perspective of Form Based Code. The Form Based code could help the community define the look a character of any new construction. This is not an either/or situation and both approaches could work together.

Coalition for a Better Cincinnati: Maura and Dawn are co-chairs of this group. NANA is not a member. This group consists of Neighborhood Associations who wish to participate. Their approach is to engage legal counsel to advise if we can do anything legally about Connected Communities.

NANA executive board approved accepting invitations from individuals and passing the money along.

Maura wanted a vote of approval from the whole membership and to make everyone aware they could make individual contributions.

Consensus was to approve of being a pass-through entity.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Brockman
Recording Secretary