

**NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2009
MEADOW PARK CHURCH
2425 BETHEL ROAD**

Board Trustees in attendance: Adair, Ashby, Carelton, Goodman, Krietemeyer, Lee, Rees Reese, Presutti, Royal, Sandoval, Schmidt, Shaw, Voelkel

The following minutes were recorded by Board Secretary Jeanne Ashby
President, Jennifer Adair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Motion to approve May minutes, with correction, made by John Schmidt, second by Dave Shaw, voice vote taken, minutes approved.

Motion to approve May treasurers report, with corrections, made by Mark Krietemeyer, second by Bill Carleton, voice vote taken, report approved.

CITY REPORTS

Isom Nivins reported that the spread sheet for the city is worsening and general fund dollars are now not available that some organizations were counting on after they made cutbacks.

The Pride Center is now up and running. OSU held a self-defense course there. (50 percent of women at OSU get attacked at some time during their attendance on campus) Wagenbrenner Corporation had a group of buildings that burned down in Grandview and there is going to be a new structure built in its place that will be both residential and commercial. They have 2010 tenants lined up.

PRESENTATION

There was an award presentation made to our student interns from Centennial H.S. Both Kaila Lee and Rebekah Reece stated that the most interesting part of NWCA was attending the City Council Meetings. Kaila and Rebekah received awards from the City of Columbus and plaques from NWCA for their work on the Board. Special thanks was given to Rose Marie Lisco for picking up the students and taking them to the City Council Meetings.

Kaila will be attending OSU Newark in the fall and Rebekah will be attending Otterbein.

COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT INTERNS: Applications are out for Centennial Student Trustees for next year and are due June, 15

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS: Marilyn reported that a code of regulation has to be changed because we now have two Vice Presidents. She also stated that we should review the entire code and make sure everything is current and reflects what we now are about. We also need bi-laws to know how the Board is organized and run.

OSU AIRPORT: Bill reported work at the airport will begin June, 15. It is maintenance renovation ONLY. They are blacktopping the south runway so the north runway will be used during that time. Larger planes will have to use Columbus Airport. It was mentioned if something could be done about the rusted out hangars as they are an eye-sore. It was determined that no improvements will be made to the hangars as they will eventually be torn down.

SCHOOLS: Jeanne reported that she spoke at both Winterset Elementary PTA meeting and at Gables Elementary PTA meeting. While at Winterset their PTA reported that after we passed the tax increase for CPS schools, Winterset was taken off of the list for their slated improvements. Dr. Gene Harris and some School Board Members spoke at Winterset and Jeanne attended to show support. At Gables PTA meeting they also had as a guest speaker someone from the Ohio PTA. In her speech she spoke about the importance that the role of PTA has in helping the students with Parental involvement, the Schools involvement, and the Community's involvement and directed her attention to Jeanne as a representative of the NWCA which is a form of Community involvement. Jeanne felt that was an opportune moment for her to voice NWCA's desire to become more involved with our schools.

GRAPHICS, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT

ZONING APPLICATION:

Motion to approve the amended cite plan and zoning text for 6112 Sawmill Road, with the addition of the language stating that no signage will be hung on the north and south wall (facing Sawmill Road) of the newly extended one story building, made by Marilyn Goodman, second by Bill Carleton, name vote taken:

Ashby – Yes
Carleton – Yes
Goodman – Yes
Krietemeyer – No
Lee - Yes
Rees – Yes
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Presutti – Yes
Royal – Yes
Sandoval – Yes
Schmidt – Yes
Shaw – Yes
Voelkel – Yes
Adair – Abstain

Motion asses: 12-1 Approval

ZONING UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS

Bethel Road Clean Up: Mark reported that we will meet at McDonald Rec Center on Saturday – July, 11 from 9:00am to 11:00am for trash pick-up on our “adopted” roadway on Bethel Road /, Olentangy Road/up to Rt.315

Olentangy Speed Request: Jennifer reported that we wanted the city to look at the speed limit on Olentangy River Road. They did a traffic count from May 21 to May 25. June 1 the count will be completed and the City and ODOT will look at it because of wanting the speed to be lowered.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with the Mayo: Proposed Income Tax: Jennifer reported the the Mayor will come sometime in July to talk about taxes. Check web site for information in July

COTA Bus Route Changes: The Board will write a letter asking for more information about them cutting the routes through our neighborhoods where the blind and handicapped rely on the route coming by where they live. We will then write a more formal letter later on.

The Emerald Ash Bore: is coming and Dublin did a presentation on it and what precautions can be done to save the Ash tree. It was asked if we could put something on our web site or have a mini meeting about methods to treat the trees.

Centennial Sidewalk on Godown: Juana reported that the Pedestrian Grant we wanted to use for the “Centennial Sidewalk” project had to be used for educational purposes, so the idea was nixed. The timing was too tight to get the application in as well. The Grant was associated with a guidebook for pedestrian safety.

Spring News Letter: Scott Voelkel reported that Membership will start tracking new member recruitment. Everyone on the Board is committed to recruiting 10 new members a year as part as their duties to the NWCA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jennifer Adair

NEXT MEETING

August 5, 2009, 7:00pm

Meadow Park Church, 2425 Bethel Road, Rom213

Neighborhood Spotlight: Sycamore Hills