

NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 3, 2010
MEADOW PARK CHURCH
2325 BETHEL ROAD

Board of Trustees in Attendance: Adair, Ashby, Carleton, Cordell, Goodman, Krietemeyer, Presutti, Royal, Schmidt, Shaw, Voelkel

The following minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Jeanne Ashby.
President, Jennifer Adair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Jeanne Ashby submitted the January Minutes. Motion to approve by Jeanne. Correction needed for January Minutes. Mark Krietemeyer's name needed to be added to the January zoning vote. With the exception of that correction, the Minutes approval was second by Bill Carleton. Voice vote taken. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report given by Mark Krietemeyer. Motion to approve by Mark.
Second by Marilyn. Voice vote taken. Treasurer's Report approved.

CITY REPORT:

Fire Department: The Fire Department reported that around 30 fire hydrants have been taken out by cars or snow plows in our area. After inquiring to the City about improvements needed to our fire house at 2200 W. Case the city said they have no money for repairs. In the meantime the fire house now has problems with sewage backing up creating an awful smell in addition to the mess. Jen has been in contact with the fire chief. She has written to Andy Ginther in the City Council to do something about it. The City is getting upset with members of the fire department bugging them about the repairs, so Jen said the NWCA will continue with the contact to the City until the fire house receives much needed repairs.

Neighborhood Liaison: Isom Nivens reported that the Pride Center was hosting a Financial Fitness Home Buyers Class with the Columbus Housing Partnership. The North YMCA was having a diabetes information class on February, 9 and April 13. The Mayor will hold his State of the State address on February, 24 at 6:00pm at the Lincoln Center – 769 East Long Street. In April, the city wide yard waste pick-up will resume.

PRESENTATION:

Robert Seed of Keep Columbus Beautiful reported that their organization are the ones that provide us with our equipment and vest we use with our Adopt an Area clean-up project. Keep Columbus Beautiful is used to help neighborhoods take back their area to keep it cleaned up. The organization helps these neighbors at a grass roots level to get started. Keep Columbus Beautiful is an affiliate of the Great American Clean-Up which starts in March and runs through April. OSU students will host Rock the Block clean-up project the first weekend in May. Kick Butt Columbus with the Mayor and other City Employees will be March 27. They will be working on 23 ramps at 315, I-70, I-71 and 270. 700 people are expected to turn out. Other projects of Keep Columbus Beautiful are graffiti abatement and beautification plants. He also reported that our Adopt-a-Roadway/Northwest Civic Association sign has been posted on a post on the eastbound side of Bethel Road just past the Olentangy intersection.

U.S. Census representative Brent Warren reported that since 1790 taking a census has been in our Constitution and has been taken every 10 years. An accurate census count is important because that's how it is determined how many seats are allocated to Ohio in the Ohio House of Representatives. An accurate census is used for the need of Federal Funding, schools, roads, hospitals. Businesses look at the census data to decide where to bring their business. It is very important. The census will be mailed out at the end of March to every household in America. This year it is different than the last census. There will only be 10 questions. It is Easy, Safe, and Important. You will not be asked for your social security number. It is confidential. After the initial mailing, the households that have not mailed back their census will have trained census takers come to their homes.

There are census jobs that you can take a test to apply and will receive \$12- \$15/hour. There will also be Questionnaire Assistance Centers for people who may have a language barriers and need help.

COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jeanne had nothing new to report.

OSU Airport: Bill reported that they are still waiting for the 150 Study to come out. There was 1 person from our area that called in a complaint to OSU Airport. John reported that the OSU Airport Newsletter had many interesting articles in it.

Student Interns: Rosemaire Lisko took the Student Interns to the City of Columbus Development Committee Meeting. Sydney Cordell reported that she thought it was interesting hearing about what is being built around Columbus.

Governance: Marilyn reported that the Northwest Community Foundation documents were filed and submitted by our pro-bono attorney to the Secretary of State. Marilyn made a motion for the Board to approve a \$120 filing fee expense. Bill second the motion. Voice vote taken. Motion approved. In the Articles of Incorporation we will have quarterly meetings for the Foundation. We have to write the bi-laws for it. We will file with the IRS and have a Tax # and an Employee #.

GRAPHICS, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Jen has been inquiring about the double property tax issue with the Franklin County Tax District Code Information. We have 59 properties that are paying double tax. She is going to contact these people to see if they are aware that they are being double taxed. Jen said that Channel 10 is interested in the story along with our Fire House disrepair story and that Channel 4 was interested in the Abbey Church speeding story.

Jen wants to set up a tour for the Fire Station and lobby the city to fix it. She mentioned sponsoring some sort of community event to help fix it up might be an idea to look into.

Mark reported the the median on Bethel at McKittrick is where he is planning to have the first beautification garden. He is going to meet with the interns and have a committee meeting. They will look at cost and plans for plants that would hold up to such a location. John also got some information on different plants that might work in the median. This is the smallest median to start with at 10' x 500' long.

NEW BUSINESS: We are going to start planning for our annual meeting which is April, 21. We need to get a speaker, entertainment, and work on the nomination for the Henderson Award. Rosemarie thought that it would be a good thing for the Interns to work on the Judging Committee. Jeanne Ashby said she would also serve on that committee. Tom suggested that recognizing someone in our area for the Henderson Award rather than making it open to the entire Central Ohio area would be more fitting. He also suggested that getting some area church pastors involved in the committee for the Henderson Award might be a good idea,

Adjournment was at 8:00pm.....Jennifer Adair

Next Meeting

March 3, 2010 - 7:00pm

Meadow Park Church, 2425 Bethel Road, Room 213