

NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES - MAY 5, 2010
MEADOW PARK CHURCH
2425 BETHEL ROAD

Board of Trustees in Attendance: Jen Adair, Jeanne Ashby, Hannah Converse, Sydney Cordell, Marilyn Goodman, Mark Krietemeyer, Joan Presutti, John Schmidt

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

Jeanne Ashby submitted the April Minutes. Motion to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Mark Krietemeyer. Voice vote taken and the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Mark Krietemeyer. Motion to approve by Mark and seconded by Marilyn Goodman. Voice vote taken and the Treasurers Report were approved.

CITY REPORTS

Police Department: Officer Karl Johnson the thefts from automobile break-ins continue and the rate is high. He reminded us to leave nothing in your car that would invite a theft. He left a booklet with resource listings on the front table. He also reported that there will be a city wide Block Watch Coordinator Meetings and gun safety class at the new Police Academy.

Neighborhood Liaison: Isom Nivins reported that the Columbus Housing Partnership is conducting their Homebuyer Education class every Wednesday this month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm the Columbus Landmarks Foundation, in conjunction with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, is conducting the Building Doctor Clinic. The clinic is designed to help owners of older buildings learn and understand the basics of good preservation and rehabilitations. Building doctors will also make house calls to any property that is at least 50 years old for diagnosis. The clinics and house calls are open to the public and free of charge.

The United Way will conduct the Healthy Neighborhoods workshop at the Pride Center on May 5th and May 19th. The workshop is intended to bring neighborhood activists from around the city together to share "best practices" in dealing with community issues.

Community Properties of Ohio is starting the Neighborhood Network Program for residents of their public housing units on May 11th.

The Ohio State University Extension Center will have their Basic Computer training at the Center on May 25th, 26th and 27th.

The University will be working with several community leaders in Weinland Park to start a community garden. Campus Partners owns the vacant property on 8th Avenue, near Indianola Avenue and have given approval to use it providing they be released from any liability from its use.

A Public Briefing on the zoning process flowchart will take place in council Chambers on Wednesday, June 23rd at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Coleman has announced the availability of a recycling and yard waste survey online at www.RecycleColumbus.org. The intention is to eventually implement a comprehensive curbside recycling program in the city.

PRESENTATION - Belinda Taylor, COTA

Belinda reported that COTA's ridership is up. In 2010 they have had a 4th year of increasing services and have expanded routes by 25%. Project Mainstream makes 19,000 trips with disabled passengers. COTA is going GREEN by expanding their Park and Rides getting 6 hybrid busses, 40 new low emission busses and the fleet will expand in the next 5 years. They are increasing their recycling and will use solar lights at all Park and Rides. Belinda also reported on the modification of several of the bus routes. Also, their main office will be moving to 33 N. High Street.

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Jeanne Ashby reported that there is nothing to report. Joan Presutti suggested that we ask the different neighborhood association presidents if they could recommend someone that would be interested in being a board member for the NWCA.

OSU Airport: John Schmidt passed out the OSU Airport Newsletter.

Student Interns: New Applications have been sent to Centennial High School for new Student Interns. Our Interns went to Columbus City Council last month and got to sit up with the Board. Sydney Cordell said it was a little intimidating but it was very informative. Hannah Converse said the Board Members were very nice and shared a lot of information about the process and what was going on in the meeting. They felt it was a very positive experience.

Governance: Marilyn Goodman reported that the new Restated Amended Code of Regulations was approved by full membership at our Annual Meeting last month. It was approved unanimously with 21-1 yes votes. Trustees up that were up for election were all voted back on the Board: Ashby (22-0); Carleton (22-0); Krietemeyer (22-0); Schmidt (22-0); Shaw (21-1); and Voelkel (22-0).

Environmental/ Beautification: Mark Krietemeyer reported that he has received a lot more information for the median strip on Bethel Road. Cost and upkeep will be a strong consideration for the final plan. For our Summer Clean-Up he asked if we would want to consider cleaning up a different area or add an area to our original spot. It takes a lot less time for the clean-up Hom when we first started this project.

GRAPHICS, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

Z10-003 (4747 Sawmill Road, Giant Eagle) - Jeanne Ashby made a motion to untable the zoning issue from last month and Marilyn seconded the motion.

Jackson Reynolds, Esq. reported that the City of Columbus in reviewing Giant Eagle's request, asked to give additional right of way and reduce setbacks and that the Giant Eagle sign be moved to dedicate the right of way for the City's requirement. Also, the pick-up window now only permits 4 stacking cars instead of 8. Mr. Reynolds and Giant Eagle met with the neighbors and Giant Eagle has agreed to add fencing and planting of trees and arborvitae to help with the Jen then asked to hear from the neighbors. Danielle Milligan met with Giant Eagle and they have come up with an action plan. There is still a concern among the residents about semi-trucks barreling through and not watching out for cars where the new drive -thru is going to be. Giant Eagle will add a stop sign to help control the trucks speed. Jen

stated that now a dialogue has been opened with the neighbors and Giant Eagle Corporate, she commends the work that has been accomplished and hopes it will continue.

Mark Krietemeyer made a motion that the new variance for the new location of the pharmacy drive-thru window, the car stacking issue and the new setbacks be approved. Jeanne Ashby seconded the motion. Vote taken:

Jeanne Ashby.....yes
Hannah Converseyes
Sydney Cordell yes
Marilyn Goodman yes
Mark Krietemeyeryes
Joan Presuttiyes
John Schmidt..... yes
Zoning ZIO-003 was approved.

Zoning Z10-009 (876-878 Bethel Road, Former Einstein Bagel and Boston Market):

Behzah Bedajie, Ph.D., P.E. The zoning change request is to release the constraint of two smaller restaurants to a larger restaurant meeting C-4 use group as CPD (Commercial Planned District). The proposed new use is that the existing building will be maintained, minor alterations may be implemented - such as a single entrance with new dormer. The existing signage on site will be used. The resident next to the site had no problem with the request as long as the dumpster remained on the far side of the lot as it is located now.

Marilyn Goodman made a motion to approve the zoning request and Sydney Cordell seconded the motion. Vote taken:

John Schmidtyes
Joan Presuttiyes
Mark Krietemeyer..... yes
Marilyn Goodman.....yes
Hannah Converse yes
SYDNEY Cordellyes
Jeanne Ashby, yes
Zoning Request ZIO-009 was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Recap: Jen reported that the Ridgeview Jazz Band performed for us and were very enjoyable. She thanks Jeanne for arranging the performance. She thanked Ruth Royal and Joan Presutti for the refreshments from Fresh Market. She announced that Rosemarie Lisko received the Henderson Award this year.

West Case Fire Station Update: Rosemarie Lisko, Marilyn Goodman, Jen Adair and Andy Ginther toured the tire station and saw all the disrepair. Andy said now there is money to fix the top 3 issues with the fire house. The flooding in the basement that is getting electrical equipment wet is one issue along with fixing the holes in the ramps that the fire trucks drive over as well as the leaks in the roof. It was suggested that we adopt the fire house for Make A Difference Day and take on the project of painting the living quarters of the tire house and sprucing it up. Rosemarie said the fire fighters were grateful for taking on their problem with the city to help get these things fixed.

NEW BUSINESS

Preston Woods Civic Association: Joel wanted to let us know that they would be redoing the entrance to their development and are going to look into replacing their wood sign that is falling apart. They were also going to ask the city to pave the entrance and place curbs there. There is also a problem with a drainage ditch in the northeast quadrant that is not properly grated. Jen said she would forward a letter to the city and asked Joel to keep the NWCA in the loop.

Officer Elections: The current slate of officers for the following positions were reelected for the 2010-2011 year: Adair (President); Goodman (VP Governance); Voelkel (VP Communications); Krietemeyer (Treasurer); and Ashby (Secretary)

Adjournment was at 8:25 pm Jennifer Adair