

NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 1, 2010  
MEADOW PARK CHURCH  
2325 BETHEL ROAD

Board of Trustees in Attendance; Jeanne Ashby, Bill Carleton, Marilyn Goodman, John Hubbard, Mark Krietemeyer, Elizabeth Oatney, Dave Shaw, Victor Treto, Laura Watkins, Scott Voeskel

The following minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Jeanne Ashby. President, Marilyn Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Jeanne Ashby submitted the August and June minutes. She apologized for not getting the June minutes in sooner due to circumstances and was also absent from the August meeting. Motion to approve made by Jeanne. The minutes approval was seconded by Scott Voelkel. Voice vote taken, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers report was given by Mark Krietemeyer. Motion to approve by Mark. Motion to approve the report was seconded by Bill Carleton. Voice vote taken and the treasurers report was approved.

#### CITY REPORTS:

Neighborhood Liaison: Isom Nivins reported that the Pride Center will host an OSU Job Help Program on September, 24 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The Ohio State University Extension Center will have their Basic Computer training at the Center on September 28th, 29th, and 30th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Vocational Guidance Services Agency will hold a Job Fair at the Center on October 1st from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Northwest Issues - The Adult establishments on Bethel Road. Isom has communicated with Police Liaison

Officers about obtaining information from Vice Unit on any past or ongoing Investigation.

The Old Max and Erma's restaurant on Bethel Road. Isom is working with Troy Hardgrove, code enforcement officer, to get information. Residents around the empty restaurant have complained of seeing rats around the area and don't want them coming into their apartments.

Deborah Van Dyke has replaced Jeff Pharion for Area 6. Her e-mail address is [DDVanDyke@columbus.gov](mailto:DDVanDyke@columbus.gov). Her phone number is 645-0154

General Information - Isom reported that the 2010 Regional Neighborhood Network will be held at the Dayton Convention Center and the Crowne Plaza Hotel on October 7th thru the 9th. The theme of the conference this year is Reinventing Neighborhoods. Registration is \$100.00. Early Bird registration is until September 15th, afterwards the cost is \$150.00. The Website is [www.2010rncdayton.org](http://www.2010rncdayton.org).

In addition to keynote presentations, the conference will include 25 workshops for neighborhood leaders, neighborhood tours, a resource fair and a youth-focused component.

Police Department: Officer Karl Johnson knows of the complaints of the sign by the adult establishments on Bethel Road. They have been taken to court because it

is an illegal sign/banner. business is allowed to keep the sign up when the case is in appeal. Marilyn Goodman said that the Board will be advocates in the process to get rid of the signs. We had a member of the Vice Squad report to us that these establishments make so much money every night that they don't care how many times they get taken to court because they can well afford to continue to pay even large fines and continue doing the same thing. The Board inquired how 2 adult entertainment establishments are allowed to be practically side by side when technically there should only be one allowed in that location. We were told that they both have to have liquor license for that rule to hold. The one place is supposedly just a "Cabaret" and patrons are allowed to bring in their own alcohol after midnight.

#### COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental/Beautification: Mark Krietemeyer reported that on Saturday - September, 11 there will be a litter pick-up at 9:00am and we will meet at Mac Donalds Sports Complex.

Fundraising: Scott Voelkel reported that he and Mark Krietemeyer were talking about NWCA selling Entertainment Books. Jeanne Ashby was concerned because every school in the area, public and parochial, sell those books. Bill Carleton voiced his concern saying that we shouldn't selling something that would take away from the schools fundraisers. Scott said that he and Mark will look further into it.

Governance: Marilyn Goodman announce that a Candidate's Night will be held at Centennial H.S. on Wednesday, October, 20 at 6:30pm.

Membership: Scott Voelkel reported that we need every board member to help get more Business to become members of NWCA. We will work on a project to make that happen.

OSUAirport: Bill Carleton reported that the Management Committee of Don Scott Airport is planning an Open House and Kick-off for the 35 acres of untouched land called Don Scott Forest in October. The date for the Don Scott Forest Field Day is Saturday, October 16 from 9am-Noon. Enter from Sawmill Road (Kays Road) and follow the sign.

Student Trustees: Rose Marie Lisko is ready to start working with the new Student Trustees. They want to be involved in the OSU untouched land project among other things.

#### GRAPHICS, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

Graphics Application: Application Variance 10320-00102 for 3697 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43017 Scott Hoover submitted an application for a billboard variance for the property on W. Dublin-Granville Road. He is the V.P. of Clear Channel Outdoor. Festival Center was zoned to host a billboard. The Northwest Columbus Overlay that was passed no longer allows billboards. He was

requesting that we grant a variance to allow for a billboard. The Board told him that the NWCA approved of the Overlay and we don't want billboards. Bill Carleton mad a motion not to approve the billboard variance. Mark Krietemeyer seconded the motion.

Vote Taken:

Jeanne Ashby.....yes	Dave
Shaw.....yes	
Bill Carleton.....yes	Victor
Trego.....yes	
John Hubbard.....yes	Laura
Watkins.....yes	
Mark Krietemeyer.....yes	Scott
Voelkel.....yes	
Elizabeth Oatney..... yes	

9 yes votes  
1 abstaining vote

Unanimously the decision was not to permit the Application Variance 10320-00102 for 3697 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43017 Marilyn Goodman regretted to informe Scott Hoover that we did not grant his variance

We had a report from a member of the Vice Squad and I want to keep his identity anonymous.

He reported to us that these establishments make so much money every night that they don't care how many times they get taken to court because they can well afford to continue to pay even large fines and continue doing the same thing. The Board inquired how 2 adult entertainment establishments are allowed to be practically side by side when there is a law that doesn't permit 2 adult establishments within 100 feet of another. We were told that they both have to have liquor license for that rule to hold. The one place is supposedly just a "Cabaret" and patrons are allowed to bring in their own alcohol after midnight.

He said the best thing we could hope for was Rule 52 which is Nuisance and Abatement Charges on these business which would get them boarded up. These businesses usually don't own their buildings and during the time it is boarded up, the property owners wouldn't even be allowed to lease them to any other business.

OLD BUSINESS: Marilyn reported that we received a "C.C." letter from Giant Eagle to a residential neighbor, apologizing for a late night disruption of noise. Rose Marie Lisko reported that COTA said they won't put up bus shelters at some stops that get really muddy but they would be willing to put cement pads in those locations.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

Adjournment was at 8:45 pm.....Marilynn Goodman

Next Meeting

October 6, 2010, 7:00pm

Meadow Park Church, 245 Bethel Road, Room 213