

**NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 6, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Trustees in Attendance: Jeanne Ashby, Bill Carleton, Marilyn Goodman, John Hubbard, Mark Krietemeyer, Elizabeth Oatney, Ruth Royal, John Schmidt, Dave Shaw, Victor Trego, Scott Voelkel, and Laura Watkins. The following Minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Jeanne Ashby.

President, Marilyn Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Jeanne Ashby submitted the September Minutes for approval. Motion to approve the Minutes made by Jeanne. The Minutes approval was seconded by Bill Carleton. Voice vote taken, Minutes approved.

Mark Krietemeyer gave the Treasurers Report. Motion to approve by Mark and it was seconded by Jeanne Ashby. Voice vote taken, Treasurer's Report approved.

CITY REPORTS:

Neighborhood Liaison Isom Nivins:

At the Pride Center, The Ohio State University Extension Center will have their Basic Computer training on September 28th, 29th, and 30th from 9:00am to 1:00 pm.

Isom reported that Andy Ginther of the City Council has been overseeing the issues with Vanity and Columbus Gold, the two adult establishments at Hayden Run and Sawmill Roads. Chris Presutti, Zoning Administrator, states that Columbus Gold at 5411 Bethel Sawmill Center has existed in its space for 16 to 17 years. The property is zoned C-4/Commercial District which used to allow adult entertainment uses. The use was established at a time when it was permitted, and it has been permitted to remain ever since as a non-conforming use. Such a use today would need to locate in one of the manufacturing zoning districts (M, M-1, or M-2), and would also need to satisfy the location requirements specified in City code 3363.19. So, while it would not be permitted there now, or since 2001, it is allowed to remain as non-conforming because it was established at a time when it was allowed.

Isom is working with Troy Hardgrow, code enforcement officer, to get updates on the problems at the old Max and Erma's restaurant on Henderson Road.

The Crime Prevention Safety Workshop will be held at the Police Training Academy at 1000 N. Hague Avenue on Saturday, October 16th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Breakout sessions will be held on: Communities working with the media; ABC's of Policing; Gun Safety, MILO Interactive decision-making scenarios; Home and Business Safety; Security Products; and Crime Analyst Hot Spot Briefing.

Fire Department: Mike Dreisbach of the fire department introduced himself and will be filling in for a while as our new representative. Regarding the crumbling driveways into

the fire station, Andy Ginther sent them an e-mail stating that the work won't be done until December or January. They found out there is a major drainage issue under the driveways that caused the damage. Bids are supposed to be submitted by October 18th for the job. Rosemarie Lisko said she will keep us updated on the dates for completion.

COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code Enforcement: Dave Shaw complimented Isom on the fine job he does for NWCA.

Dianne Orezaireous, board member of Hearthstone Condos next to Max and Erma's, said she has filed two reports with 311. They have had rodent problems from the restaurant, they've had a homeless man at the condos at night who hangs out at Max and Erma's during the day, they've had people raiding their "doggy-doo" stations and throwing the stuff around. Isom said Troy Hardgrow has been in contact with the condo owner about all of these problems. Rosemarie Lisko suggested Dianne call the Health Department.

Environmental/Beautification: Mark Krietemeyer thanked everyone who helped with our Bethel/Olentangy Road Clean-up on September 11th. He said that the area looked pretty good from the road until you got close-up and saw that there was a lot of trash. The SNP Northwest News had a front page article about the clean-up with Dave Shaw's picture.

Membership: Jeanne Ashby thanked everyone who helped with our membership mailing. We got 6 business renewals, and one new business member. We got 71 residential renewals, 22 of which hadn't renewed since 2009. Scott asked the Board if we could send out mailings to an area we hadn't done before at a cost of around \$50 in postage. Treasurer Mark Krietemeyer said it was okay.

OSU Airport: John Schmidt reminded everyone that the airport provides round-trip bus transportation from the airport to the OSU home games for a reasonable fee. Bill Carleton reported that the 150 Study is still waiting on the FAA's approval. There have been no noise complaints from the 43235 area.

Parks, Recreation, and Bikeways: Bill reported that the Don Scott Forest Field Day is October 16th. Jeanne Ashby suggested to the Student Interns that they should inform their science teachers as this would be of interest to them and their students. The OSU Forestry students study the area. This also creates an opportunity to work with Home Depot on possibly donating materials for a gazebo for observation in the area that would be sponsored by NWCA.

Student Trustees: Laura Watkins had nothing to report. Rosemarie Lisko told us that Laura is a National Merit Semi-Finalist. She also said the students are working with Ruth Royal for Candidate Night.

GRAPHICS, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Marilyn Goodman reported that the Graphics application for the billboard in the Sawmill/161 area was denied by the City Council Planning Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marilyn talked about Candidate Night which is Wednesday, October 20th at Centennial H.S. at 6:30pm. She had flyers to pass out that listed the names of the Candidates attending. She passed out index cards for Board Members to write questions for our moderator, Emily Reimer from Channel 6, to ask the candidates. Marilyn also stated that for any candidate that was sending a representative in their place, that the representative would be allowed to make a 3 minute opening statement like the other candidates, but that they would not be permitted to participate in the audience question and answer portion.

Mark Krietemeyer reported that he wrote to the Liquor Control Department disputing liquor license renewals for three adult establishments.

Mark also spoke about having our Holiday Lights Party at the Carriage Place Recreation Center. They want us to join them at their annual party and will allow us an hour for our Holiday Lights Competition Awards Presentation. The date is around Friday, December 17th. Last year we judged over 40 houses and Jeanne Ashby, Marilyn Goodman, Jennifer Adair and her sister drove around for over 3 hours to see those houses and judge them. Rosemarie Lisko suggested cutting that number in half and only judging 25 houses this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Shaw attended the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference. The Keynote speaker was Javier Sanchez who is the author of the book "Look in My Mirror." There were speakers from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that talked about accepting and rejecting a liquor license, and representatives from the Police and Fire Departments giving talks on How to Defend Yourself. There were many "Green" projects and representatives from the Pride on Parsons Avenue from Livingston to Route 104 group described their "Flower Project." There were also meetings on Block Watches. He suggested that next year, more of the Board Members should attend as it was very informative.

Marilyn showed the Thank You Certificate we received from the U.S. Census Bureau as being a valued partner because we invited someone from the bureau to speak on the importance of participating in the Census at one of our Board Meetings.

Adjournment was at 8:30.....Marilyn Goodman

Next Meeting is November 3, 2010 at Meadow Park Church, 245 Bethel Road, Room 213.