

NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Trustees in Attendance: Jeanne Ashby, Marilyn Goodman, John Hubbard, Mark Krietemeyer, Elizabeth Oatney, John Schmidt, David Shaw, Victor Trego, Laura Watkins, Scott Voelkel.

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 Victor Trego. Voice vote taken, Minutes approved.

Mark Krietemeyer gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve made by Mark and it was seconded by John Schmidt. Voice vote taken, Treasurer's Report approved.

CITY REPORTS:

Police Department: Officer Karl Johnson reported that the gang unit was sent to look at graffiti in the area and it was not gang signs. A meeting about Zone 1 redistricting was going to be held at 5075 Cleveland Avenue on Tuesday - January, 8 at 7:00pm.

COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code Enforcement: Dave Shaw reported that the problem with the continuing decline of the Max and Erma's building at Henderson and Kenny Roads, Troy Hardgrove said the City will now file a complaint against the owners

Environmental/Beautification: Mark Krietemeyer said there is nothing to report at this time.

Governance: Marilyn Goodman reported that there is no word as of yet from the IRS about our non-profit status being revoked. We had not filed a tax report over the last few years because we are a 501-C4 and laws were changed that we were not aware of about having to file. We are still waiting to find out an update.

Membership: Jeanne Ashby reported that we continue to get a few renewals in our mail box every month.

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

Parks, Recreation, and Bikeways: John Schmidt reported that the 37 acres of Don Scott Forest are working on having local schools go on tours of the forest in the next year. There seems to be a lot of interest and the people at OSU will be working on a plan to include the schools for tours in the future.

Student Trustees: Laura Watkins had nothing to report.

GRAPHICS, ZONING, DEVELOPMENT

Rezoning Application Z10-026 2136 Bethel Road

Presenter is Arthur P. Morris of AM Architecture, Inc

The Variance Requested: The applicant is seeking to reuse the existing building - which was formerly Clintonville Electric – and site with only minor modifications to the CPD zoning text. The proposed use of the property is to convert the current building into a

Family Dollar neighborhood friendly discount store. The existing building will stay with no new square footage; only one building on the site.

They are asking the NWCA to recommend approval of the requested zoning variance.

Mr. Morris said the landscape will be cleaned up and maintained. They will restripe the parking lot but keep it laid out the same. They will not be using the drive-thru. The color of the brick will stay the same and the dumpster will be cleaned up and painted.

Also present at the meeting were residents of the Lakes @ Bethel Park condos which are directly behind the building in question. Laura Heidig of 5385 Reston Park asked why the mailing of the zoning and notification of this meeting didn't come until yesterday. Jeanne Ashby, Secretary of NWCA and the board member who is handling this zoning application, said that the mailings were mailed out 2 weeks ago and were rejected at the post office because the AM Architecture had not put enough postage on them and she just had gone to p.o. box that evening, found them, and hand delivered them the night before.

Cheryl Patton of 2177 Victoria Park said that when she first moved there when that property was an empty lot, it was zoned for doctor's offices. Then a Rite Aid was built there. Problems began with street sweepers running in the middle of the night along with noise from the dumpsters being emptied, noise from trucks making deliveries. etc. Then the condo residents had to call Rite Aid in Florida to get them to keep the stores grass cut. The trees planted on the property died and were just left and so on. They were also having problems with Clintonville Electric not being good neighbors. Beth Costello of 2175 Victoria Park Drive, Stu Minot of 4342 Bethel Park Drive, Cindy Weikart of 5316 Bethel Park Drive, and Wyman Haskins of 4332 Bethel Park Drive all voiced their complaints of how much trouble they have had with all the noise in the middle of the night disrupting their sleep. President Marilyn Goodman understands all of their problems but predicting what's going to happen from a bad past hopefully doesn't mean they will have the same problems in the future with the new business. Rosemarie Lisko suggested that the board should ask for a Good Neighbor Agreement made between Family Dollar and the residents of Lakes of Bethel Park be included in the zoning recommendation that goes before the city. Mark Krietemeyer also didn't feel comfortable with the wording in the zoning application of "minor modifications to the CPD zoning text". What are those minor modifications? Art Morris of AM Architecture, Inc. didn't know what they were either. The consensus of the board was to table the vote until a "Good Neighbor Agreement" was written up and more information as to the zoning modifications were.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Lights: Jeanne Ashby asked for Student Interns if they would volunteer to help judge the light competition and also passed out applications for the competition to the board members. She asked them to nominate 2 houses in their neighborhoods. The awards ceremony is going to be held at Carriage Place Rec Center in coordination with their Holiday Play of Pinocchio and visit from Santa. It will be Friday – December 17 at 6:30pm. The judging will take place the previous Sunday. Jeanne also asked for approval for payment of the 4 trophies to be paid to her for \$104.00.

Zoning Training: At 6:30 before our January 5th meeting Rosemarie Lisko will hold a zoning training for the Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian White was inquiring about the old Pool Service business property on Postlewatie. He was wanting to find out ahead of time, before purchasing it, if he would be able to store trucks in the out building and live in the house as his permanent residence. He has a landscaping business. It is zoned as a rural residence. Marilyn suggested he get permission from all of the surrounding residents by contacting them personally.

Bill Carleton has resigned his position on the board as his schedule at work has changed and he no longer has time to serve. The Board accepts, with regret, his resignation. This now leaves two job vacancies on the Board. Bill was V.P. of Governance and on the committee for Don Scott Forest with John Schmidt. Mark Krietemeyer agreed to take his place on the Don Scott Forest committee.

Centennial H.S. Choir will perform at the Statehouse on December,7 from noon to 1:30.

Marilyn Goodman reported that the Columbus City Council’s 2011 Budget Process has begun. She has the schedule for all of the meetings. Also the Mayors Budget for 2011 has come out as well.

Adjournment 8:28pm.....Marilyn Goodman

Next Meeting

Wednesday – January 5, 2011 – 7:00pm
Meadow Park Church, 2425 Bethel Road, Room 213