

**NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
FEBRUARY 7, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

Trustees in Attendance: Jeanne Ashby, Marilyn Goodman, John Hubbard, Mark Krietemeyer, Elizabeth Oatney, Ruth Royal, John Schmidt, Laura Watkins, Scott Voelkel

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

Jeanne Ashby submitted the January minutes for approval. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jeanne Ashby and seconded by Mark Krietemeyer. Voice vote taken. Minutes approved.

Mark Krietemeyer gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report made by Mark and seconded by Jeanne Ashby. Voice vote taken; Treasurer's Report approved.

**CITY REPORTS**

Fire Department: Lt. Kasser asked if there were any questions or complaints. He wanted us to remind people that they should have smoke detectors that are photoelectric or ion type or both. We asked them if anything has been done with the craters covered by steel plates in the driveway of the fire station. There have been contractors out but nothing has been started. The weather is too cold for cement work to be done at this time. The NWCA said they will make sure to stay on top of it to ensure the work gets done. Mr. Guinther, who has been out at the West Case Fire Station, is now City Council President and he is the new "problem solver." We will keep him involved to make sure the hazardous situation gets remedied when the weather improves.

**GRAPHICS, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Variance Request which would allow 2136 Bethel Road, presently Clintonville Electric, to become a Family Dollar store.

Joe Lynn-Real Estate Manager for Family Dollar and Jeff Hippler- Area Operations Manager were present for the final Variance Request presentation that was tabled in December due to lack of information and complaints by the residents of The Lakes at Bethel Park condominiums. Since that December meeting, a "Good Neighbor Agreement" was reached and documented. The condo's Home Owners Association was concerned about Family Dollar maintaining late hours, having delivery and trash pick-up trucks coming all hours of the night and with the maintenance of the property's lawn, shrubs, trees, etc. Shannon Pine from the Development Commission sent a Staff Report to Family Dollar representatives that was created in 2004 for the previous business to follow. It stipulates specific plans for landscaping as listed in Development Standards 3C and landscaping blueprints that Family Dollar must use as their guidelines for maintaining, replanting, and replacing plantings. Laura Neidig, as the authorized representative of The Lakes at Bethel Park Homeowner's Association, signed the Good Neighbor Agreement with 3 additional e-mails from Tom Schoenheit, Assistant General Counsel of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. agreeing to adhere to the 2004 Staff Report guidelines from the Development Commission. The motion to approve the Request from

Family Dollar for the Zoning Change with the stipulation that Family Dollar abide by the agreements made between them and The Lakes at Bethel Park Homeowners Association was made by Jeanne Ashby. It was seconded by Ruth Royal. Vote Taken:

Jeanne Ashby.....yes	Ruth Royal.....yes
John Hubbard..... yes	John Schmidt.....yes
Mark Krietemeyer.....yes	Laura Watkins..... yes
Elizabeth Oatney.....yes	Scott Voelkel.....yes

The vote was 8- yes and 0- no. The approval was unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Henderson Award:** We will be accepting nominations for the Henderson Award through March 1st.

**Annual Meeting:** Jeanne Ashby will try to contact the schools to see if any of their choirs may want to perform at the Annual Meeting. Ruth Royal needed letters of “Request” from the NWCA so Ruth may go to the vendors and ask for donations of refreshments for the reception at the Annual Meeting. Jeanne will contact our SNP reporter, Mark Dubovec, to inform him of the upcoming meeting in hopes he will put an article about it in the paper. Scott Voelkel suggested a Business Property Owner Recognition for a business that has improved the appearance of their business. More will be discussed in the March Meeting.

Marilyn Goodman received an invitation to the State of the City Address. If anyone wants to attend she has to RSVP by February 18th. She also received information about the Best Practices Conference. If anyone is interested, she has the information for that event.

### **COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Environmental/Beautification:** Mark Krietemeyer asked the Board if we wanted to do our Bi-Annual spring clean-up in conjunction with Columbus’ “KickButt Columbus.” That event is Saturday, April 9th. Last year we met at MacDonald Recreation Center at 8:00am and drove downtown where the event started at 8:30. We agreed to do it again this year and clean our “Adopt-a-Roadway” at Bethel/Olentangy/315 area.

**Governance:** Marilyn Goodman reported that some vendors are already asking for the IRS W-9 IRS form that NWCA will need to buy things in 2012. Our tax-exempt status is still up in the air. The IRS has just started sending out revocations, so we still won’t know where we stand for a while.

**Membership:** Jeanne Ashby reported that we get several renewals and a couple new business memberships in each month but our membership is still down in numbers despite renewal notices that we mailed out. Scott Voelkel said we needed to work on building our Trustee members. Anyone who wants to volunteer in their community can apply with a letter stating their qualifications.

**OSU Airport:** John Schmidt reported that the Runway Safety Action Team Evaluation is scheduled for March. This is where pilots fly into Don Scott Airport and critique the runway as to any problems there may be.

**Student Interns:** Laura Watkins reported that the Student Interns are planning a trip to a Development Commission meeting.

Marilyn Goodman reported that she has received an invitation to the upcoming State of the City Address. She asked if anyone wanted to attend; she has to RSVP by the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Also, a Best Practice Conference similar to the conference that Dave Shaw attended last year is coming up and she has information about that.

Adjournment 8:15pm.....Marilyn Goodman

**Next Meeting**

March 2, 2011 7:00pm

Meadow Park Church, 2425 Bethel Road, Room213

**Annual Meeting**

April 20, 2011 6:30pm

Meadow Park Church, 2425 Bethel Road, Room 213