

Northwest Civic Association Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2011

The May 4 meeting of Northwest Civic Association was called to order at 7:02 by Marilyn Goodman

Board members present: Goodman, Krietemeyer, Shaw, Oatney, Hubbard

The May Treasurer's report was presented by Mark Krietemeyer. Beginning (and ending) balance is 3,894.57 with 2,544.57 not including the Bethel Road Tree Fund. Mark Krietemeyer made a motion to approve the treasurer report, seconded by Dave Shaw.

Neighborhood Liason Report – Isom Nivins reported several items.

- Another hearing is scheduled June 9th in Municipal Court for 4550 Kenny Road (the old Max & Erma's complex).
- MORPC is seeking volunteers to assist with bicycle and pedestrian counts throughout selected locations in Central Ohio on Wed May 11th from 7 – 9 AM and from 11AM until 1 PM. Volunteers can register online at signupgenius.com/go/midohio or by contacting Joe Fish at 233-4123.
- MORPC is offering free homeownership education classes for those at risk of defaulting on their mortgage. To schedule an appointment, call 233-4177.
- The United Way is conducting free information session on May 10th at 6PM for Logistics Art program. To register for the session, call 241-3071.
- A Youth Job Expo will be held May 18th at COSI from 9 am to 5 pm. The Expo is open to all juniors, seniors and young adults up to age 24. To register, contact Brittany Dawson at 559-5066.

Special Guest City Councilman Zach Klein spoke to those in attendance. Zach has been on City Council since January, and looks forward to working with us. He is currently leading the Development Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee. He is currently coordinating hearings on graffiti in the city, and the best way to control it. There is a hearing May 5 to help determine the best practices. Contact info for Zach is 645-5346.

Police Department – No report

Fire Department – Captain Dreisbach reported that there is an engine under report for a fuel tank leak. They are currently undergoing a lighting upgrade at the station which will automatically turn lights on and off. The first phase of the driveway is complete. They expect to be using the new driveway soon and also expect the next phase to start soon. After hearing about the current challenges of the Max & Erma's location, Captain Dreisbach did ask if it would be possible for that building to be used as a test burn.

Code Enforcement – Dave Shaw expressed concern that the Max & Erma's site did not have the water turned on and that might present risk for any potential fire there. Captain Dreisbach reported that he would check on Max & Erma's water. Captain Dreisbach called back later in the meeting to report that the water was turned off, and there were also open holed in the side of the building.

Environmental/Beautification – Mark Krietemeyer reported on the Kick Butt Columbus trash pickup at the Bethel Road/State Route 315 interchange. Over the city, there were 318 people that registered. A total

of 25 ramps throughout the city were cleaned up with 3.89 tons of trash and litter collected. Peabody Landscape group led the effort with the assistance of Northwest Civic Association. It was one of the few dry mornings the entire month, and the area definitely looks better now than it did before the pickup. Thanks to those who chipped in.

Governance – Marilyn Goodman sent in the tax reporting for 2010. It was rejected because of the prior year reporting, which was expected. Marilyn spoke to the IRS and reported that we should expect to hear back from the IRS in 60 days as to our status. At this point it is still undetermined.

Student Trustee Report – On April 25 Laura Watkins, Elizabeth Mooney and John Hubbard attended City Council. They received a City of Columbus Pin and a Certificate. They all said that City Council was very interesting and educational.

Graphics, Zoning and Development

Bethel Presbyterian Church gave an informal presentation of their plans to expand. They are required to come before us because their plans include expanding toward Reed Road, which would require a variance because they will be non-conforming for the setback on Reed Road. The board expressed concerns of past issues with signage. The board also discussed concern that relying on the adjacent property for parking could become a problem if the adjacent property were to change owners. Additional concern was mentioned because of the planned drop-off which would be relatively close to the Bethel Road, Reed Road intersection. It will be determined when/if this will come before the board for an official presentation and vote.

Previous Max & Erma's location – a presentation was given to convert the site into 3 story condominiums which would contain 108 units in 18 buildings. They would be a mixture of 1,2 and 3 bedroom units. This would mean 29 units per acre. The surrounding units are 17.4 units per acre. It will be determined when/if this will come before the board for an official presentation and vote.

OLD BUSINESS

NWCA Records – At this point, the records of NWCA will continue to be kept at Bill Carlton's home.

Annual Meeting Review – the annual meeting held in April was very successful with a very good amount of socializing which is always the best part. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Mark Krietemeyer made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Dave Shaw.

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Marilyn Goodman adjourned the meeting at 8:25.