

**NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2011, MEETING MINUTES**

Trustees in attendance: Jeanne Ashby, Catie Beach, John Ehlers, Amanda Johnston, Amy Kear, Mark Krietemeyer, Rosemarie Lisko, Ruth Royal, Dave Shaw

President John Ehlers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Jeanne Ashby submitted the September minutes for approval. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jeanne and seconded by Rosemarie Lisko.

Mark Krietemeyer gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report made by Mark and seconded by Rosemarie.

**CITY REPORTS**

Neighborhood Liaison, Mr. Isom Nivens, Jr.

The annual City-wide coordinators meeting for Block Watch leaders will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the James G. Jackson Training Academy, at 1000 North Hague Avenue. Topics to be covered will include Neighborhood Pride; the CPD hiring process; Human Trafficking; Healthy Communities; and City wide Crime Trends.

Neighborhood Pride applications are now available online at [www.columbus.gov/pride](http://www.columbus.gov/pride) or by contacting your neighborhood liaison or police community liaison officer. The deadline for consideration is January 2, 2012.

Graffiti Removal Program – The new program was announced by Council members Klein and Mills on October 7. Legislation being proposed with add “failure to control graffiti” to the municipal code and require all property owners to remove graffiti within 30 days of receiving a notice from code enforcement. The property owner will have the option of removing the vandalism themselves or signing a waiver to allow a city contractor to remove the graffiti at no cost to the property owner.

Residents and business owners can report graffiti to the city's 311 call center or by using the My Columbus app for the mobile phone or tablet device. The City will competitively bid for removal services and require companies to photograph, geotag and share photos with the City Attorney's office to aid in prosecution efforts.

City council is launching a new website, designed to more easily find information relating to Council. The website will allow residents to access City Council meetings, agendas, legislation with attachments, minutes and other information into timely, user-friendly format from their computer, smartphone, or tablet device without having to first contact City council.

The Pride Center will again be a registration site for the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive this Holiday Season.

### Police Department Neighbor Liaison Officer Carl Johnson

Officer Johnson has been away for 8 months and said he is happy to be back as our Liaison Officer. Two officers from the Community Response Team, Officer Tim Stout and Officer Jeff Mays, filled us in on what the Team does. They said it is important to report things that are suspicious in your neighborhood so a report can be filed. Sometimes people think something they witness may not be important, but all those statistics get compiled and they can be useful in solving a crime later on. The best way to report something is by calling the non emergency Columbus Police number 645-4545 or [www.columbuspolice.org](http://www.columbuspolice.org), The Community Response Team also works with Block Watch Coordinators.

Rosemarie asked if they could look into the 3 adult entertainment establishments in our area. They said they would but as long as they operate within the law there is nothing they can do.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Code Enforcement

Dave Shaw reported that in his Kendale neighborhood there is an increase of people having yard signs on their property, including one that says "AEP Sucks". He was going to have Code Enforcement look into it.

Rosemarie Lisko reported that Judge Hale will be holding a hearing on the case for Cardinal Storage and the apartments next to them on Sawmill for their illegal banners.

#### Membership

Jeanne Ashby said that membership renewal time was fast approaching and that you can get online to get a membership application and send the form to NWCA, PO Box 20134, Columbus, OH 43220. It is only \$15 per annual year. If anyone joins now, it will be good through 2012. Our Suburban newspaper reporter, Mark Dubovec, was asked if he could put something in the paper about our membership drive.

#### Insurance & Legal

Mark Krietemeyer said he might need to contact the IRS as our status doesn't show a change even though our reinstatement fee check has been cashed.

#### Communications

John Ehlers has updated our website and other board members commented on how good it looked.

#### OSU Airport

John Schmidt couldn't attend tonight but he told John Ehlers that OSU President Gordon Gee has stated in the past that the OSU Golf Course and the OSU Airport may be up for sale.

A Congressional Order may have been initiated to facilitate the sale of the airport. The Board's concern is the traffic impact that could affect our area if it is sold and there is a change of use

for that land. It could become a privatized airport or be sold to land developers. The area in question is about the size of the suburb of Bexley. To have that much traffic added to this area could have a negative affect. Isom Nivens said that when we are ready he will invite someone from the City to talk to us. Mark Krietemeyer attended the OSU Farm Open House and it was mentioned by the staff that the farm may be moving towards 161 in the lieu of partial privatization. Rosemarie Lisko asked John Ehlers if there was someone from OSU that he could invite to speak with us.

#### Student Interns and Schools

Mark Krietemeyer's daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, from Dublin Coffman H.S. attended and observed our meeting.

Interns Catie Beach and Amanda Johnston reported that Centennial H.S. was putting on a performance of "Our Town" on November 11, and the orchestra will be performing.

#### Graphics and Zoning

2900 Bethel Road (formerly Plantland)

(a) Rezoning from C-4 to L-M to permit a self-storage facility

(b) Council variance to reduce building setback to zero

In attendance was Jeff Brown – Attorney for Cardinal Storage and Jeff Perrin for the Office Condo owners located to the south of the proposed site.

Last month, a representative for Cardinal Storage proposed the new storage facility. The Board was critical of the plan because of easy view into some outside storage units from the parking lot to the east of the property. We told them we wanted it to be laid out in a fort like fashion, similar to their Sawmill Road facility was set up with no exterior unit access; rather, all units were to be accessed from the center of the complex.

The new plan that was presented to us was the same as the previous plan with the exception of the facility being close in to the south with more buildings and a 6 foot wood fence running along the driveway to access doors to the easternmost units. This wasn't what the board wanted. On the east side is a tall embankment that makes a 6 foot fence worthless and would allow anyone to enter the facility as it would be easy to climb over. They did show a fence that would have to be accessed with a key card that would only activate during hours of operation from 6am to 10pm with a security camera. The storage facility still wanted to be able to store boats, RVs, and trailers in the center of the area.

Jeff Perrin from the Doney Lane Condo Owners Association that back up to the north side of the property said that the fence that is currently there should be replaced. He said that people hang out back there and beer bottles, drug paraphernalia can be found.

Because of the fact that Cardinal Storage still wanted to store the boats, RVs and trailers where they would be visible from the street because of the 10 foot height of the storage buildings, and the fact that they still had east access doors to the units with only a 6 foot fence that would be

up against an embankment making the fence still accessible and that they did not change the facility into a fortress type layout, Rosemarie Lisko made a motion for disapproval of the proposed rezoning and variance request. Dave Shaw seconded the motion.

Vote Taken:

Dave Shaw..... yes	Ruth Royal..... yes
Mark Krietemeyer..... yes	Catie Beach ..... yes
Rosemarie Lisko..... yes	Amanda Johnston..... yes
Jeanne Ashby..... yes	Amy Kear..... yes

Eight “yes” votes and zero “no” votes for disapproval of the proposed rezoning and variance request for 2900 Bethel Road.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The date for the Annual Meeting will be Wednesday – April 18, 2012

John Ehlers suggested that NWCA should participate in the Neighborhood Pride event and for the board members to think of something that would promote our area.

Adjournment.....John Ehlers 8:35pm

We moved into Executive Session to officially remove Bill Carleton as Vice President of NWCA, as he had a conflict of interest with his job. Rosemarie Lisko made a motion to remove Bill Carleton from the board and Mark Krietemeyer seconded the motion. Voice vote taken. Motion approved.

John Ehlers made a motion to leave Executive Session and Mark Krietemeyer approved. Voice vote taken. Motion approved

**Next Meeting**

December 14, 2011

Meadow Park Church - 2425 Bethel Road, Room 213