

# Northwest Civic Association

## JANUARY 4, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Trustees in attendance: Jeanne Ashby, Catie Beach, John Ehlers, Amanda Johnston, Theo Jones, Amy Kear, Mark Krietemeyer, Rosemarie Lisko, John Schmidt

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

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

Mark Krietemeyer submitted the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report made by Mark and seconded by Jeanne.

### **CITY REPORTS**

#### Fire Department

Representatives for the West Case Fire Station were present. Rosemarie Lisko asked if there were any problems or issues at the fire station. They reported everything was fine. They asked if we had any questions for them and we did not.

#### Neighborhood Liaison Isom Nivens

City Council will hold a hearing on vacant and abandoned housing this Thursday, January 5 at 5:00pm in Council Chambers. Councilman Zack Klein will conduct the hearing, which will be one in a series of sessions designed to engage and educate the public on what the City, Code Enforcement and Community Partners are doing to address the problem and discuss possible solutions. Council will accept public testimony and the meeting will be broadcast on CTV, Columbus Government Television.

New contact information for Jennifer Adair: Senior Staff Attorney, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 30 W. Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414.

At the City Council Reorganization meeting, Council members re-elected Andrew Ginther as President, and A. Troy Miller as President Pro Tem.

The Firefighters For Kids Toy Drive, which ended December 23, registered 835 families for free toys.

#### Code Enforcement

No report.

#### Membership

Jeanne Ashby asked if John Ehlers could write a letter to send with membership renewal applications telling the public why they need to join NWCA. John had prepared a letter and passed it out for us to review. We will get started on our mailings and notifications by e-mail next month. She also mentioned that our Northwest News reporter, Mark Dubovec, might be able to mention membership renewal time in the paper.

Insurance and Legal

Mark Krietemeyer reported that we received our letter from the IRS reinstating our Tax Exempt status. We must re-file yearly, form 99N, due May 1. We will report the status of our filing at our Annual Meeting in April.

Communications

There was nothing to report

Web Site

John Ehlers reported that the web site is up to date.

OSU Airport

John Schmidt said that OSU Airport is promoting the Barnstormers Restaurant.

EAA 9 introduced the Winter Aviation Movie Series in November. The next scheduled showing is on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30pm at the Upper Arlington Main Public Library.

John Ehlers distributed to board members a letter of support for the airport to be sent to the OSU Board of Trustees. John Schmidt will contact Doug Hammond, Airport Director, about our letter, and the trustees will wait until we hear from him before we go further.

Recreation and Bikeways

Mark Krietemeyer had nothing to report.

Student Interns & Schools

Rosemarie Lisko had nothing to report.

Graphics & Zoning

Deborah Edsall, representing Friendship Village, 6000 Riverside Drive, a senior Housing facility, requests a CPD variance to reduce building setback from 25 feet to 15 feet to accommodate both a new brick pier entryway and an ornamental iron fence to enhance property security. Also present was Executive Director of Friendship Village of Dublin, John Schwarck. They reported that there have been thefts and break-ins in the area and the space needed for security gates is important to keep the residents secure. Rosemarie Lisko said that security is very important in an area like that and the variance seems necessary. After discussion, Rosemarie made a motion to approve the CPD variance to reduce the building setback to 15 feet. Mark Krietemeyer seconded the motion.

Vote Taken:

Jeanne Ashby.....yes	Amy Kear..... yes
Catie Beach .....yes	Mark Krietemeyer ..... yes
Amanda Johnston .....yes	Rosemarie Lisko..... yes
Theo Jones.....yes	John Schmidt..... yes

Motion approved with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Rosemarie Lisko will send the BZA a letter of the NWCA Board’s decision.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, 949 Meeklynn Drive, informally presented about building a large pole barn on their residential property. They asked what kind of information the city will need from them if they decide to go ahead and proceed with formal filing of an application for a permit. It would be a third garage/barn on their property. The Board cannot give them any indication of our approval or disapproval

for a permit or variance request at an informal hearing. We can only give them input on what may be required to pursue such a request.

**OLD BUSINESS**

John Ehlers reported that the deadline for applying for the GCAC/Chase 200Columbus Bicentennial Grant program is February 15. The GCAC offers grants of up to \$10,000 to neighborhoods to develop legacy projects, works of art, performances, or other creative programs and activities to show off civic pride and heritage consistent with the Bicentennial theme, *Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Envisioning the Future*. John spoke with Centennial H.S. principal, Fran Hershey, about working with the high school on the GCAC project. Centennial H.S. has students from over 35 countries, which Mrs. Hershey said makes it one of the most diverse schools in Ohio. Student Trustee Theo Jones said the high school’s annual Multicultural Festival highlights students from different counties, and their family members participate in preparing authentic foods from those countries. Student Trustee Amy Kear said the school choir sings songs from different countries. John asked the Student Trustees to be attend his meeting with Mrs. Hershey the following Tuesday at 9:00am to talk about the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

John Ehlers said that a representative from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will address the trustees at next month’s meeting about the 2012 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Adjournment: 8:04pm.....John Ehlers

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:00pm  
Meadow Park Church – 2425 Bethel Road, Room 213