

## WHAC September Meeting

Call to order, Kathryn Gardette—6:35pm

### August Reports

- **Previous Month Meeting Minutes, Katie Neltner:** Motion Toni Miller, Second, approved
- **Treasurer, Geoff Sutton:** Motion , Second Margaret, Approved
- **Police:**
  - **Car break-ins:** resources had to be redirected to Avondale, but will address after Avondale situation is under control. Juveniles who have not been identified. 260 car break-ins in the past month (between Walnut Hills and downtown). Leave valuables out of trunk and black out the personal information on your registration in glove box and keep proof of insurance in wallet.
  - **Marathon gas stations:** Kandace following up
  - **Motorcycles:** loud noises late at night—District 1 meeting next week.
- **Fire:** not present

**Membership, Laura Davis:** Pay membership the rest of the year, and membership is good through 2020!

### Educational Campuses

- **Schools, Jeff Hall:** will be presenting goals next month. Special thanks to Kathy Atkinson!!!
- **Youth Council, Karen Hordinski:** Intruder broke into school and stole credit card (was caught). Volleyball and cross country. ODE report cards are live online. CPS having all sophomores attend conference at Cincinnati State.
- **Recreation, Vanessa Henderson:** Thanks for program support. Bush is open 11-9pm M-F and Saturdays 9-3pm. Before/after school program with Spencer. Trunk or Treat on Halloween—decorate cars and pass out candy/necessities. Closing the Health Gap—Mondays 11-1. Get your membership!
- **Library, Kendall:** Project of Margaret's is Walnut Hills Weekly (local events in WH). Wed 330-430 African Drum and dance, Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> UC STEM club, Library field day on the 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-4. Board of trustees voted on preliminary plan to begin renovations with 7,000 SF addition and parking lot next door and across the street.

### Planning and Economic Development, Katy Dietz:

- **WHBA:** Actively looking for a Treasurer! Meet on third Thursdays at 9am
- **Cincinnati Ballet:**
  - Requesting letter of support for zoning change to incorporate a physical therapy room (need changed to all OG zoning). Presenters: rep from DSD, President/CEO of Ballet.
  - Moving offices from West End to Gilbert in WH (will still perform in current locations). Doubling capacity of West End location. Plan on building out 3,000 SF of physical therapy space in partnership with Mercy Health. Rest of building includes offices, studios, costume building, and community studio, conference room, parking. Master studio will also be used to entertain community (dress rehearsals, movie screenings, etc.).
  - Request to have teaching classes in Bush—Ballet looking into it.

- Request to have local contractors—using Messer who is devoted to equitable development.
- Question: building materials and size: 58,000 SF with 3 stories.
- Question: willing to partner for Flying Pig volunteers—yes.
- Question: promise to keep zip code and mailing address to 45206—yes (within the power of the ballot).
- **Vote for letter of support:** Motion John from CoMADE, Second Karen Hordinski, yay 31, nay 0, approved
- **WHRF:**
  - Durner Building— historic rehabilitation of important property in Peebles Corner business district.
  - \$2.8 million development with help from city. Mixed use, mixed income—9 residential units (500-720 SF, \$770-\$1,200), 2 units reserved for 80% AMI or less, 2,600 SF commercial space for affordable, accessible co-working space (focus on minority entrepreneurs). Consistent with goals from equitable development scorecard.
  - Question: parking—yes will be provided.
  - Question: can we get down to 60% AMI?—this project works better with 80% AMI, but working on other projects in neighborhood with 60% (example Scholar House, Manse, Lincoln/Gilbert).
  - Question: can we have correlation with AMI and FPL (Federal Poverty Levels) in our neighborhood?—yes.
  - Question: Updates on partner with co-working space?—at this point, there are a few different scenarios (WHRF, Mortar are both potential partners). Mortar no longer interested in being equitable partner.
  - Question: If not given letter of approval, what happens? Is there other funding that could be pursued?—Looking at Historic tax credits and new market housing credits. If letter of support is not received, would have conversation with WHRF board in order to see if it could move forward or if it would remain a vacant building.
  - NOFA request for gap funding of \$350,000—requesting letter of support so WHRF may be eligible to apply for gap funding. Motion to vote on letter of support Toni Miller, Second John from CoMADE. Yay 19, Nay 3, Abstentions 4, Approved

#### **Environment and Beautification:**

- **People Working Cooperatively:** supporting people by helping take care of their homes through renovations. Classes to engage people. Whole Home innovation center providing free classes for homeowners (helping people stay and age in homes safely). If you would be willing to participate in a Health interview—reach out to Carolyn from UC.
- **Foraging locations/items:** Concord, May, Concord/Florence, Melrose

#### **45206 Civic Engagement Opportunities**

- **Cincinnati Art Museum:** Still undergoing construction to prepare for Art Climb. Starting after school art program at Bush (Free).
- **Historical Society, Jena Bradley:** Sept. 28 630-8pm at the Dillard Center “Back to the Future” vision of Walnut Hills neighborhood plans and development throughout the years.

- **Housing Resources Task Force, Kira:** CBI did housing inventory study, keeping in mind what is affordable (30% or less of income spent on housing) at different income levels. Suggestion to look at City Beat report and to track new units. Look at Socialaries of Cincinnati study
- **WHSFF:** September 28
- **Safety:** Baseball league naming challenge from community—bring ideas to George and look for coaching opportunities on facebook
- **WHAC:** positions available—let us know if you are interested.

**Generative Discussion-- Old and new business**

- **CoMADE:** brick laying class being offered by master brick layer.
- **Food Forest:** Now offers FREE delivery to your home
- **Planning & Economic Development Public Meeting –**
  - Thursday, October 3, 6pm Bush Recreation Center
- **October Meeting**
  - Walnut Hills Community Health Report
  - Candidates & Issues Night with East Walnut Hills

**Adjourn: 8:29pm**