

Northside Community Council (NCC) Meeting, November 16, 2009
notes by Gwen Marshall, Council Secretary
as approved at December 14, 2009 NCC Board meeting

1. Introductions - led by Tim Jeckering. Besides asking people to name the street where they live, he asked that people also tell why they moved to Northside or why they were attending the NCC meeting.
2. Mission Statement / Membership Info - Report by Melody Smith Jones
Currently NCC has 187 members; some are new members to NCC this year. She also announced that we will be taking nominations for the NCC Board for 2010 this month and next month. To run for the NCC Board, you only have to have attended 3 NCC meetings, including the January meeting when the election is held. A copy of the list of those who are eligible to run (based on attendance) was passed around for people to see and write their nominations. Persons are allowed to nominate themselves as well. Melody announced that she will not be running for membership chair in 2010 due to a conflict with her school class schedule for spring 2010.

3. Fire & Police Report

Fire: report by B. Dew - Of the 246 runs made in October, 202 were EMS and 44 were fire runs. The Fire Departments also inspected buildings and fire hydrants this past month. This is considered the start of "fire season" so change your smoke detector battery. It is the landlords' responsibility to provide a smoke detector, but the renter's job to maintain it by putting in fresh batteries as needed. Regarding seasonal lights, make sure you are using safety approved lights to prevent fires.

Police: Katrina Zeller, this is the start of her 4th year in Northside. She reported, that there has been money allotted for "Directed Patrols" in Northside for 6 weeks this year. Regarding the Jazz Reflections property, it appears that the social club will not be opening up at this location, after they spoke with the police department. Orlando's did file an appeal to the denial of their liquor license, but it is not expected that they will win. Orlando's was to be allowed to stay open during the appeal process, so the police reacted by sending in undercover police who found problems that caused it to be closed. They are now trying to be able to sell their liquor license. Another concern with a bar in this location is likely to be with the housing development across the street.

The "Shop with a Cop" program is looking for needy young people who would benefit from this program; the Hamilton County Police Association sponsors this program. The public school principals will be picking the young people to benefit from this program, so turn in the names of needy children to their school's principal. Also, Santa Cop will be traveling to the different schools in District 5 during the next month.

Additionally, this is the time of year when criminals steal other people's Christmas gifts. The police believe that crime can be deterred if you have lights

on outside to scare thefts away. A motion sensor with your light will also be helpful. Also keep an eye out for your neighbors.

4. McKie Center - report by Don Brannen - In spite of the city budget crisis which is affecting McKie like everywhere else in the city, they are trying to host a "Sustainability Fair" during the September 2010 "Great Outdoors Weekend" at the McKie Center and other venues in the community. The Fair would include suitable booths, exhibits, vendors, local tours and workshops and tours of sustainable operations in the Tri State area with shuttles leaving from Northside. Sign ups were taken at the meeting and others can get more information from McKie.

5. Treasurer's Report - Only presented in January, April, July, & October

6. Committee Reports

A) Education Committee Report - Alex Kuhns is the new chair of this committee, contact him at 884-1860 to volunteer or get information.

B) Northside Safety & Livability Committee - report by Bill McCormick - He brought copies of the "Knock Knock Here's Northside" booklets for persons who didn't have them yet. He also showed the "Welcome to Northside" kits. They are still having problems finding enough block captains to cover the area. If you can help, or have questions, contact helloNorthside@gmail.com. The committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:00 am at the MRDD building at the corner of Dane and Chase. Contact Bill McCormick for details @ 542-9355 or dianaandbill@fuse.net

C) Northside Skate Park Committee - no report

7. Announcements

Announcements from the Floor

Tim Jeckering announced that the January 2010 meeting is when there is voting on the NSP funding. We don't know what the allocation will be but applications are being accepted now.

Women's Veterans American Legion Post 644 - report by Darheen Adkins -

There is a Cincinnati post for women for working on women's issues. They have 40 members at this time. Contact her www.womenspost644.org

CAIN - Claire Darley - the Covenant Church is hosting Thanksgiving dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and they are looking for a desert or apple cider. CAIN has gotten a donation of 80 turkeys, they have shopping bags that they are trying to fill with the rest of the fixings. These are needed by Monday, November 23rd.

The Christmas stockings need to be returned to CAIN by December 6th.

Announcement from the Mailbox printed on the agenda:

1). Cincinnati Human Relations Commission is hosting a "Human Relations Summit: Hidden Treasures" to recognize the 25 Hamilton County Communities that have been labeled stable, integrated communities on Saturday, November 21st at Forest Park Senior Center, 11555 Winton Road. (Northside is one of the 25 neighborhoods).

8. Building Value in Northside presentation by Jerry Jansen, director. This new location is in Northside on 4040 Spring Grove Ave near where Blue Rock forks off of Spring Grove. They do deconstruction and salvage work for homes which can't be restored. They sell used and new building related supplies for homes. They are open 6 days a week 8:00 to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday and until 4:00 pm on Saturday.

9. Chase School Principal, Lynsa Davie - She thanked everyone who participated in or watched the fall festival parade on October 30th. She is trying to motivate her students to think beyond the immediate, one of those motivational projects is take students to Washington, DC this spring. They will be doing fund raising and hope to be able to fly the students to DC. General Electric will be partnering with Chase (at the Kirby School building) under the adopt a school program for Christmas. This fall, 75 students made the honor roll. The majority of the students did score where they needed to be during the recent testing period. They are still trying to get uniforms and are needing donations to get the uniforms including used uniforms or gift certificates for new uniforms. They wear navy blue, black, or kaki pants and light blue, navy blue or white tops. They are also looking for tutors starting in January 2010 to prepare the 3rd to 5th grade students for the tests. They need help during the school day and after school. If you can help, call 363-1300, and speak to Martina Green, the school secretary. You would need to do the background check to get on the approve volunteer list. The new Chase building is going out for bids in the Spring for completion in 2011.

10. Northside Tee-shirt Design Selection - Each person got to vote for one of the 9 choices. The winning shirt design showed a diversity of legs and feet walking above the word Northside. These should be ready for sale at the December 2009 NCC meeting.

11. Northside You-52 Video presentation by Jeremy Freeman - showing of a the one minute video prepared for the City wide contest. The following were contributors:

You 52 Video Committee: Jeremy Freeman, Brian Balsley, Tim Jeckering, Flora Leptak-Moreau, Chuck Brown.

Videography: Nora Sweeney & Alex Fernandez

Musical Score: Trumpet: Roland Joseph, Keyboard: Fleumingue Jeanmary, Guitar: Manuel Susarret, Conga: Flora Leptak-Moreau, Bass: Greg Pierson
Editing: David Lombardi

12. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Awards Banquet Winners - Awards given

out this past week on Thursday, 11/12/09. Winners from Northside include:

- A) "5 Star Volunteer" awards given to: Gary Skitt, Tory Houlihan.
- B) Great American Clean Up project - Northside took 2nd place region wide and got \$250 - project led by Brian Balsley, Jonathan Ingram, Andrew Dignan & Ollie Kroner.
- C) On going project - Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation took 3rd place region wide winning \$100 for its clean up along the CSX RR right-of-way.
- D) Green Event project - 1st place for CNCURC's 5 K Run, won \$250.
- E) Adopt a Spot - RR right away at at Knowlton and Mad Anthony.

Adjourned 8:20 pm