

Community Council Meeting Minutes 3.19.18

See also: Agenda, Treasurer's Report, Neighborhood Police Report

Matt Yauch called to order at 7:03.

Fire Update: Captain Monty: clock change reminder—change batteries in smoke detectors. Check detectors monthly. Have one detector in each bedroom. One on each level of building. Look at date on detector when checking battery. Throw out after 10 years. Get new one with dual action—photoelectric detects smoldering fires and ionization detector detects rapid moving fires. Get one that does both or two detectors. Standard detectors only work for rapid moving fires. Numbers: Ladder 18 had 5 fires last month. Slow for February. 22 services calls, 7 EMS runs. Engine 18: 4 fires, 20 service calls, 34 EMS runs.

Police Update: Officer Butler: District 2 updates. Crime report for February. 2 burglaries compared to 3 from last year. 0 thefts. We had spoke in auto theft last month, but that suspect was arrested. Don't leave stuff in cars. April 1 is first week for yard waste collection. New Captain—Aaron Jones. Dist 2 commander. 20th year with police department. Born Oakley, Hyde Park Elem, WH HS, Xavier, Went to Chase Law. Bulk of career in undercover drug investigations or internal affairs (police misconduct). Training unit commander for police academy, legal adviser for police department. Has been in district 3 last 2 years. Lives in Anderson. Responsive to emails: aaron.jones@cincinnati-oh.gov. Likes using email b/c gives record. Examples: in neighborhood, sees several police cars, want to know what's going on—email and ask. Don't hesitate to email. Question: are you thinking about using Next Door as a communication tool? Jones: Doesn't use. Lots of discussion going on about an incident and suddenly police are last to find out. If something's going on on Next Door, send to him. If you don't have information, you start to speculate. Get with him ASAP. Citizen's police academy: twice a year, PD offers. 8-10 sessions, 1x/week, abridged police academy. Snapshot of what police officers do, trainings, etc. 352-3562—police academy. Call to sign up for citizens police academy. Question: police have a summer program for kids, 16-18. Jones: cadet program. Call same number for police academy to sign up. High school/Junior high individuals who are interested in being police officers.

Riverview East Update: Charlene Myers: out of building for two weeks due to flooding. Bought tshirts for kids that attended at Jacobs center: "We are unsinkable." Teachers did lots of team teaching. Teacher said they should do it every year—good for teachers to learn together. Gearing up for testing. Have a jeopardy game for students with prizes. Also get testing tshirts. At the end of testing, they do a lip sync battle. Class Day coming up. May 18—walking through the neighborhood. Walk from school to Carnegie. Giving away the jackets that C-Tusc bought for them. Student of the week, draw their name up. All of the kids who get one wear them. Questions: March 24, will the students march? The students did the walk out last Wednesday. In memory of the FL school shooting. Hasn't heard

anything about March 24. Peer leadership group met to organize the March 14 walkout/17 minutes of silence. Students respected rules. One thing that impeded the walkout was that it snowed heavily that day. Many kids didn't have coats, so some of them did it inside. April 20 is a teacher walkout, in memory of Columbine school shooting.

Treasurer Update: Karl Preissner: Matt Yauch gave report. Year to date: down \$3,300. Collected money in 2017, donated it in 2018. \$28,000 approximately in the account.

Public Library Operating Levy: Michael Christian-Budd: Works for library. 18 years. Here on his own time to give information regarding the levy, not advocate for levy. Information available on Facilities and Strategic Planning page of the Cincinnati Public Library site. May 8 ballot: Issue 3. Keep our library strong. Carnegie Center is getting a laptop kiosk. Similar to Walnut Hills and Downtown branch. Will be able to check out the laptops and use them in the building. No real use outside of the building. Tracked by library card. Grant through LTSA fund. \$28,000 grant. Will also be a deposit collection of print materials. Unstaffed location. Library system is 160 years old, 40 branches, plus main library. Print, digital, 20,000 free programs each year including homework help, job training, etc. 80% of Ham Co households have at least one card. Circulation is among highest in nation, especially among digital titles. Library also has lowest local funding of any major library system in Ohio. Hasn't increased budget in nearly 20 years. State funding decreased—main funding source. 26% since 2000. Circulation increased by 60%. Library works hard to be fiscally responsible and meet community needs—but 7 branches are over 100 years old, 10 branches have never been renovated, 6 branches are not handicapped accessible. 54 million in needed facilities work. Current funding level—27 years to complete. May 8, library will ask for 1 mil, 10 year levy to meet existing facility and customer needs. \$2.91/month for a \$100,000 property. Without the levy, library faces deficits and cuts to services. If approved, will be used for important repairs that have been put off for years, handicapped accessibility in all branches. Main library—decision process re: North Building. Library didn't realize how much people value the space. Maintaining two buildings that span 9th street takes a lot of resources. Trying to cut out. People don't want it to be shut down. Question: could it be turned into some public space? Public paid money to build it. Goal will be to keep it open and figure out ways to pay for it. If gets approved: will continue to meet customer needs. Levy is needed to keep the libraries strong. Can register to vote on website, early voting starts April 10, Levy is May 8. This will not appear on ballot in general election. Christian-Budd will send levy information document to Matt by email and will be uploaded on website.

Stevens Place private drive update: Sarah Steenblock. Share some information and ask for help. Not asking anyone to take position. Issue: state of the street itself. 8 painted ladies, 4 additional homes that share it for parking. The land is privately owned of John Jay Schmitz of 1892, no one is responsible for maintenance of the street currently. Getting dangerous to drive and walk on. Neighbors together to

decide what to do. Hoping to talk to the city and get it dedicated. Estimated: quarter million dollars to bring up to code. Other option: get city council to write legislation for city to take it over even if not up to code. Third option: private resurfacing before it gets too bad. Anyone familiar with the process? Eleanora will put in contact with someone who works at the city. Gets garbage pickup and salted and plowed. Is fire risk a concern? Can a fire truck get up? Limo has been stuck at bottom. Street by Golden is being dedicated, but no houses are there. (See Documentation)

Tristate Trails CROWN presentation: Wade Johnston and/or Don Mills: had a private matter come up last minute so they are unable to make it. CROWN is the overarching group for all of the bike trails in the area—Wasson Way, Ohio River Way. Will try to reschedule this.

Any other business: Eleanora: tax season. United Way is organizing for people who earn less than \$66k, can have taxes done for free. (See documentation). Petition to decriminalize small, non-violent drug possession. Petition to put on ballot for November. (See documentation). Prosecutor is elected every 4 years, but is becoming a lifetime position. Want to set term limits. Reason is to increase diversity in prosecutor's office. Vast majority white men, no women, no racial minorities.

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