

Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. St. John's Congregational Church 1235 Highway Avenue

Botany Hills Minutes

President Ray Kingsbury opened the meeting at 7:01pm.

Board Members present: Ray Kingsbury, Deb Henning, Melissa Einhaus, Dick Burg, Austin Becker

Approve minutes from last meeting: Moved by Wes Bittlinger, seconded by Connie Kingsbury

Treasurer's report: CJ was unable to make it, no report.

Guest Speaker: Jim Eggemeier, Covington Gateway Project Update We have some miscommunication and Jim Eggemeier will not be here tonight. We will try to invite him another month.

Facebook/Website Update: Agenda and minutes are always added. Ray is very active on BH Facebook.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Safety/Code Enforcement: Reports of car thief, burglaries of cars and houses and drug activity. To help decrease any activities, we need to tell our neighbors to keep an eye on what is happening in the neighborhood. Block Watch meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Epworth Methodist Church. You can go online to see the crime reports for the city at www.crimereport.com. We do have an update on our 10 properties of concern for code enforcement.

Covington Neighborhood Collaborative (Howard McGurty): CNC is questioning the value of the annual tour of neighborhoods. Should there be a sidewalk tax (\$30 a year for every \$100,000 home) or should they enforce the law that if you need repairs then the homeowner has to pay to get the sidewalk fixed. Show of hands says, tax us. Friends of Covington Beautification Awards the deadline is extend until August 30. We should submit an application for someone in our neighborhood that has a beautiful yard. Farmers Market every Saturday in Mainstrasse.

Social/Membership: Yard and Plant Sale will be on Saturday, July 17 from 9am-2pm. The yard sale will be held at the corner of Clark Street and Highway Avenue. We have 8 tables reserved. Space cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. The Neighborhood will have a table and the money raised will go to the Neighborhood. Connie needs some help delivering the Grapevine, so if you would like to help please get with Connie. We talked about having a Reunion Party for those that use to live/lived in Botany Hills.

Neighborhood Development/Local Government Relations: Cincinnati Container Terminal will be discussed at the Commissioner meeting on July 20 at 7pm at Covington City Hall. You are encouraged to come to the meeting. Our interests include the hillside, green space and views, and this is going to concern our views.

Beautification: 4th & Crescent Avenue Landscape Plan (Deb & Sherry). State will only pay for \$2,800 for curbing at 4th & Crescent. Commissioner Shawn Masters has agreed to go to local businesses to get some money to help pay for \$1,900. The grant money, \$1,850, is only good until the end of the summer. **Solar Panel for the lighting of the Sign,** Duke Energy will not let us put a light on the pole. We can possibly install a pole, but we can't put in within 10feet of the flood wall. We will find out more info about how we could install a pole, Deb will find out more information for next month. The solar panel is 1x3 foot. The plants along the flood wall are pretty much dead, plus that space is used as a walk way. We should possibly just put in mulch instead and maybe the day lilies will come back next year. We need to find out a way to pull the weeds around the plants. Maybe we need to put together a schedule to pull weeds and have people sign up to do a week. Deb can use some more people on the Beautification Committee.

NEWS SHARING: Botany Hills Stickers, letters will be sent out to members with a sticker. We will have them at the yard sale. **USS Nightmare** has been moved, we are not sure who got that taken care of. **Wharf plan,** we need to pull weeds and spray some weed killer. People are using the tables. We need to get a group together to do some work down at the Wharf. Howard and Ray will go down and look at the Wharf. **Reminder Sign,** motion to buy a sign for \$40, and the motion was made by Howard McGurty, seconded by Austin Becker. We will get a sign made.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 19 at 7pm. Motion to adjourned by Christine Einhaus, seconded by Wes Bittlinger. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.