

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 7:00 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introduction Minutes: June 2007	The following were present: Joe Balbo, Ed Pletzing, Doug Davis, Bob Dinsler, Cara Hague, Betty Conlon, Arlene Anderson, Betty Hall, Keith Glaser, and Missy McPherson.	
2. Treasurer: Missy Fox	Missy was not present. Joe presented a profit and loss statement for the assembly's account, as well as a summary of available funds in NSP and NBD grants (see agenda for figures). NSP Funds: \$5300 applied for (\$1500 for communications; \$1500 for landscaping; \$2000 for parking lot maintenance; \$500 for substitution). \$1500 available to be applied for additionally, but must be spent by Dec. 31, 2007. NBD Funds: \$4167 to spend by end of this year; suggestions on allocation of funds: banners for light poles, ads in local publications, hire consultant to develop branding concepts for EWH, and parking lot tax fees for the year; deadline for proposals is September 14, 2007. Discuss obtaining a bid from the marketing consultant for branding at next meeting.	Proposal: submit proposal for \$5300 in NBD funds by Sept. deadline, for same expenses as last year, including marketing pieces such as banners, ads and branding. 1 st : Ed 2 nd : Keith Unanimous affirmative vote. Joe: find out how much has been paid to landscape contractor thus far Bob: get a quote on resealing and resurfacing parking lot, cost on lights, and clearing sewer line
3. Corresponding and Membership Secretary: Betty Conlon	We received 1 family membership and 1 individual membership. Letters were sent requesting meter changes in front of DeSales Plaza to 60 minutes with 10 minutes free.	

4. Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Activity: there is a new gang calling themselves the East Walnut Hills gang, however, they are not in our neighborhood and the name is coincidence; not a concern at this time and will probably phase out in a few months; District 4 is handling it. Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence: 400 criminals were identified and approved for federal imprisonment upon next gun or drug charge. Brandon Taylor is a new probation officer in the neighborhood – cell phone #675-1419; contact with any concerns or problems. Substation needs: water and Gatorade – 2 cases at most. 	<p>Betty: will check bi-weekly with direction from Joe who will solicit contributions from businesses.</p>
5. Development	<p>a. CNBDU: see notes on funds in treasurer’s report.</p> <p>b. Ed Pfetzing reported on Streetscape progress: an account number was assigned to our funds; bids were all within budget, and close to assigning a company to the project; work should start within a couple of weeks.</p> <p>c. Buildings & Inspections: Letters were sent to the list of identified problem properties; all got orders except for three; rule of thumb: if the problems are visible to a postman, the property owner can receive orders; Karkadoulas property will be condemned due to roof damage; work was stopped on that building because permits were not attained; Joe arranged that within 4 months they will have to have the doors and granite back on facade; Dora Lewis’s building is for sale at \$325,000. Judge Mock; Keith Foreman – assistant prosecutor.</p> <p>Neighborhood news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurant at DeSales Plaza is moving forward; opening is scheduled for September 1. 	<p>Joe: email Ed Cunningham</p> <p>Arlene – continue to contact City (591-6000) to inquire about having trash cans placed along Victory Parkway, as well as possibility of residential streets in the future.</p>
6. City Communications	<p>a. Change of address for city mailings – 2 were switched to PO box. Others still in transition process from Mary Ann to Joe as president.</p>	<p>Betty: continue to work on getting addresses changed to po box.</p>

7. Community Communications	<p>a. Email list: a running list of neighborhood residents' email addresses has been compiled over time, and will be added to as new addresses received, to notify as Communiques come out, and for any other communications.</p> <p>b. Mail list: see action item</p> <p>c. Fund raising letter: will be a membership solicitation.</p> <p>d. Communique: Antoinette has completed the Communiqué; Joe still needs to complete letter from the President and Sery article. should be available in about 10 days.</p> <p>e. Website: dates have been updated; Communique will be available on the site.</p>	<p>Missy: get Susan Haas's mailing list to Betty Hall by end of the week</p>
8. DeSales Corner Business Group	<p>Skyline got all approvals for project and is close to signing a tenant for old Skyline building.</p>	
9. EHW Assembly agenda for 2007-2008	<p>Target Areas were identified and tentatively assigned leaders to each area :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Business Development – Joe 2. Perception of Safety – see if Mary Ann is interested, with help from Missy and possibly Arlene 3. Expanded pool of and increased participation by volunteers; focus on human resources/community building events - Cara 4. Fundraising – Betty Hall 5. Visible Appeal of Neighborhood – Ed 	
10. Old Business	<p>At next meeting we will break each group into action items.</p>	
11. New Business	<p>Arlene suggested that we encourage keeping meters in front of Sery, so as to not lose them to valet parking. 2 meters will be removed for valet, but no more.</p>	
12. Adjourn	<p>Motion made to adjourn</p>	<p>1st: Bob 2nd: Ed Unanimous affirmative vote.</p>

Recorded by: Cara Hague

Police Night Out: **Tuesday, August 7**
Owl's Nest Picnic: **Thursday, August 16, 6:00 pm (rescheduled from July 26 rain date)**
Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday, August 28, 7:00 PM, EWH Substation, 2716 Woodburn**
Next De Sales Corner Bus. Mtg. **?**
Next Assembly Meeting: **Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 7:00 PM, De Sales Crossings Center**