

**EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2006, 7:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1. Welcome and Introduction Minutes February Meeting	Mary Anne Lee welcomed all and invited new people to introduce themselves, including two new police officers. Approve as written.	1 st . Keith Glaser; Dorothea Kennedy Unanimous affirmative vote
2. Treasurer: Missie Fox	No report was given; Treasurer as absent.	
3. Corresponding and Membership Secretary: Betty Conlon	\$105. was received this month. \$25 is contribution. Another letter has been written on behalf of development at Bulluck Terrace	
4. Police Report	<p>Sergeant Caroline Wilson and Officer Fred Gilmer reported: In 2005, EWH had 2.7% calls for service. 2005—398 part 1 crimes; 2004, 377. 2005: 1 rape; in 2004—0 rapes. 2005: 15 robberies; 2004—18 robberies. Assaults 2005. We had 18% increase in arrests in 2005 over 2004.</p> <p>Why better arrest rate? Some was because of repeat offenders who were known to police. They also did a lot of night curfew sweeps plus prostitution sweeps. 2800 calls in 2004 and 2700 in 2005.</p> <p>One issue we can hear about tonight: “paper street,” Collins Avenue steps from Keys Crescent. There has been a major increase in crime on Keys Crescent. It may be an exit route for auto theft perpetrators.</p> <p>Officer Gilmer: Keys Crescent residents are trying to start a Block Watch. We don’t have crime stats for the steps—for the street only. There is strong difference of opinion in neighborhood re: potential closing of the steps. There is no concrete evidence that the steps are a crime site. Mary Anne Lee shared that the City is interested in hearing both sides of the issue. The role of EWHA is to listen and support the majority opinion.</p> <p>Michael Kelly: resident on KC for 10 years; he reports large increase in crime on Keys Crescent. They have documented rise in traffic in mid-morning, 1-3 AM. Keys Crescent residents are convinced that the steps are a way onto Keys Crescent unseen. People are observed casing property. Steps are remote, secluded, and littered with refuse, attesting to questionable activity. There are many issues with getting these staircases removed—Barry King, Engineer with the City, is looking at these. Procedure: start with letter of significant interest, signed by everyone. This has been presented to the City; starting the process. EWHA was notified. There is a sign posted on staircase saying the issue is under review. People on Keys Crescent have worked with the police and everyone who might make a contribution to the issue. They are doing this out of self-protection.</p> <p>There is an alternative motion: “save the steps”. Lori Keilher started the STS motion and is also reporting tonight to the EWHA. She thinks there is another solution: encourages extending the Block Watch on Keys Crescent. She showed a diagram of how the Collins Street steps are the most direct pathway from the</p>	jelfers@cms.hamilton-co.org 961-3377 979-4400 Officer Gilmer

	<p>river , Columbia Parkway and Eastern Avenue to De Sales Business district and to O’Byronville Business District. Renovation of steps is funded, but put on hold. Mary Anne Lee encouraged us to get more informed. There will be a hearing eventually. The solution requested by Keys Crescent is not totally clear at this time. Interim: Could City post signs making it a legal offense to be on the steps after a certain hour?</p> <p>Dorothea Kennedy made an appeal for drinks and snacks for the substation.</p> <p>Community Resource Meetings with police: because issue (of change in community officer policing) is a major concern to our community: March 22, 7 PM, next resource meeting at Riverview East Academy. People are urged to attend.</p> <p>CityWatcher: Doug Davis reports that all is not clear. Who is going to control and watch the cameras? One problem is with manpower; we need more people trained to be active in watching monitors. There have been many bugs in the process. Things have been up in the air, and it will take a while before all is sorted out.</p>	
<p>5. CNBDU/De Sales Corner Streetscape</p>	<p>Streetscape: Ed Pftzing spoke with Michael Moore, the architect who will review the package this weekend; they are bidding the work on Madison Rd and portion of Woodburn north of Madison. Bids should get out on street in a week. TIF wires—have to hire a consultant; he is back and should get started soon.</p> <p>Owls Nest Park Project: Rae Vuic reports that we have a master concept plan for restoring the park. It was accepted at recent meeting by the Park Board who love the plan; unfortunately in this year’s budget they do not have resources to back the plan. The Park Board will go to City for money in next 2 year budget cycle. Copies of the plan are available; some are posted around the area. We are kicking off fundraising campaign currently—a prominent resident has agreed to chair the committee. They are requesting that the EWHA list Owls Nest Park as a priority.</p> <p>Public hearing, March 14, 5:30—7:00 in “Centennial 2 across from City Hall re: protecting parks from development.</p>	
<p>6. Legal Defense fund</p>	<p>Legal Defense Fund: we have incurred close to \$22,000 in legal defense debt connected to the Family Dollar issue. EWHA does much on a meager budget. We are in the home stretch of retiring the debt. A request going out once again in the newsletter. We need donations and help!</p>	
<p>7. Clean Up</p>	<p>Great American clean-up is scheduled for April 22. At 9:00 AM work begins, we break into teams and go out through the neighborhood. This year we are collaborating with Walnut Hills; each doing own neighborhood and will have big celebration lunch after program is over at WH Public Library. This is an effort toward good will in both communities.</p> <p>City communications: Mayor Mallory had first open meeting with community council presidents. Also, community council consortium is convening to build strength as a group. Next meeting Thursday March 23 at 7:00 PM. We are inviting more representation from the community</p>	

8. Committee Reports	<p>Manifest Gallery: National Drawing Annual and Open figure Sessions Exhibit, March 3—31. St. Francis de Sales Parish is looking to raise \$500,000 to raze the Community Action Agency building to create parking space. MoCa Coffee Shop to open March 10. Hours are not known yet. Communiqué: we have anew printer and this current issue is at the post office. De Sales Corner Business Group: we are asking for a vote on zoning change for parking for Bulluck Terrace; DSBG and Board have voted.</p> <p>There is a new business locating at the Eckerd Building; it will be open by May. Who the business is cannot yet be revealed, but we will be very pleased. Corner of Taft and Woodburn. Bulluck Terrace is open Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00; Schoolhouse Loft open on Saturday, 1—4. (60 new units of housing in the neighborhood. Annual Garden Plant Sale: this plant sale is very important to the Assembly in terms of revenue. A bright green order form will appear in newsletter. April 29 will be pickup time on Madison Road at the “French Building”—very convenient.</p> <p>Website: we are adding a new section that allows people to list residential and commercial property. We have a volunteer to keep that updated.</p>	<p>Add 1414 Locust to previous motion re: Bulluck Terrace: 1st: Ed Pfetzing 2nd: Earl Hatt Unanimous affirmative vote.</p>
9. Old business/new business	<p>Madeleine Moxley informed all that the Woman’s City Club having a meeting re: new policing: Saturday, March 25, 9 AM—noon at Cintas Center Ballroom. All are urged to participate. St. Francis de Sales School is beginning their annual fish fry on Fridays in Lent, 5:30—8:00 PM. Krista Kriddle of Council Member Monzel’s Office invited input from EWHA residents.</p>	
10. Adjourn		<p>1st: Sally Sherman 2nd: Ed Pfetzing Unanimous affirmative vote.</p>

Recorded by: Sally Sherman, RSM

Next Assembly Meeting:

Next Board Meeting:

Next De Sales Corner Bus. Mtg.

Wednesday April 5, 2006 7:00 PM, De Sales Crossings Center

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 7:00 PM, EWH Substation

Monday, March 20, 2006, noon, 1647 Clayton St.