

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

| AGENDA ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 1. Welcome and Introduction Minutes: December Meeting | Mary Anne Lee welcomed all and invited new people to introduce themselves. There were a total of 29 persons in attendance. Approve as written. | |
| 2. Treasurer: Missie Fox | Treasurer was not present. | |
| 3. Corresponding and Membership Secretary: Betty Conlon | We received one new membership and \$300. for the Legal Defense Fund. A letter was sent to the city regarding parking at Bulluck Terrace. | |
| 4. Police Report | Officer Fred Gilmer was not present. Discussion centered around the fact that EWHA Board Members went to City Council today to address the cancellation of designated “neighborhood officers”, announced recently. Doug David reported that the one person will be replaced by several people across different shifts and levels (9 people) within a neighborhood. Many people did not know that this change was about to happen. Part of the decision was based on the need to put more strength into District 3. Decision was made by the police, not City Council. Feb. 15, there will be a meeting regarding these changes at the Riverview Academy. | jelfers@cms.hamilton-co.org 961-3377 979-4400 Officer Gilmer |
| 5. CNBDU/De Sales Corner Streetscape | Ed Pftzing reported that the City wants to link Streetscape with TIF funding to bury the wire—to save money. Streetscape is ready to go but joining the two projects will produce a delay in both. On Madison, the wires are buried already, so Streetscape could begin there; it could start on Woodburn in mid-summer and continue onto Madison to get the project going. We need to be careful about bids so that we do not run out of money before finishing. | |
| 6. Uptown Transportation Study | Florence Parker and a gentleman gave a presentation and information on the current status of this project. The two year Uptown Transportation Study includes the communities of Evanston, EWH, Walnut Hills, Mt. Auburn, Avondale, CUF, etc. They do not know yet the number of houses and businesses that would be lost to construction. The study has 3 parts; 1) General; 2) interchange; 3) Early findings. Ed Pftzing announced EWH’s support for the MLK interchange and for Council Member Cranley’s efforts in the study. Study is carried on by OKI, which has 105 Board Members, and dealing with 1) Transportation; 2) Air/water quality; 3) Car/van pooling. More information can be found on the website: www.uptowntransportationstudy.org Mary Anne Lee recommended that we add this as a link on the EWH website. | |
| 7. Legal Defense Fund | More contributions are still needed. We have paid off 75% of \$22,000 owed, or \$14,000. | |

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| <p>8 Committee Reports</p> | <p>a. Communiqué: Deadline for March issue is Feb. 8</p> <p>b. De Sales Corner BG: Ed Pfetzing reported that a new jail is being projected, probably within 10 minutes of downtown. Most likely site is the old Workhouse. Ed suggests that we support a new jail so that the Talbert House at Taft and Woodburn might then close and leave the neighborhood.</p> <p>Ed also reported on the different options for parking locations connected to Bulluck Terrace renovation and conversion to condos. Diagrams were shown and shared with all.</p> <p>The Assembly was asked to support the West End Community Council’s decision to oppose the CityLink Project (98 thousand square foot building to contain services.). More information can be found on the website: www.notocincinnati.org</p> <p>New coffee shop in De Sales Plaza will open soon. Manifest Gallery’s latest opening, Jan. 27, was very crowded. EWH Garden Group: plans are going forward for the spring plant sale. Website: Give information to Dorothea Kennedy if you have a business/rental property to advertise on the website. Events/communications: Four persons from EWHA plan to attend the upcoming Neighborhood Summit at Cintas Center on Sat.. Saturday, Feb. 11: 9AM—1 PM is the kickoff meeting for the Great American Clean-up. EWH has four distinct historic districts; the Historic Preservation Board has two upcoming hearings: one with 6-8 variances on Dexter Avenue, and one with mostly compliant requests (Dexter Place.)</p> | <p>Send a letter in support of a new jail: 1st: Ed Pfetzing 2nd: Keith Glaser Unanimous affirmative vote.</p> <p>Send the City a letter of support of a notwithstanding ordinance. 1st: Ed Pfetzing 2nd: Bob Dinser Unanimous affirmative vote.</p> <p>Send a letter in support of the WECC’s opposition to CityLink 1st: Ed Pfetzing 2nd: Doug Davis Unanimous Affirmative vote.</p> |
| <p>12. Old/new business</p> | <p>State Representative Tom Brinkman reported on some aspects of Governor Taft’s state of the State message: Education: Taft wants every high school to be a college prep; no more remedial classes at our universities. Elections—House Bill 3, which Brinkman supports: aligns with Help America To Vote Act: voters would have to show an ID when going to vote. Jail: sell Drake Hospital for 40 million and use income to build the jail and build the Banks Project</p> <p>Tom Thornton, an EWH resident is running for the 33rd District. He was requesting signatures for his petition.</p> <p>Mary Anne Lee encouraged people to get involved with CPOP and Block Watch efforts.</p> | |

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| 13. Adjourn | | 1 st : Dorothea Kennedy 2 nd : Missie McPherson Unanimous affirmative vote. |
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Recorded by: Cara Hague

Next Assembly Meeting:

Next Board Meeting:

Next De Sales Corner Bus. Mtg.

Wednesday March 1, 2006 7:00 PM, De Sales Crossings Center

Tuesday, February 21, 2006 7:00 PM, EWH Substation

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