

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 7:00 PM

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Minutes April Meeting</p>	<p>Mary Anne welcomed all.</p> <p>Approved as written</p>	<p>1st: Ed Pfetzing 2nd: Keith Glaser Unanimous affirmative vote</p>
<p>2. Treasurer: Missie Fox</p>	<p>We have \$800. in the treasury but we have an outstanding invoice for the recent issue of Communiqué.</p>	
<p>3. Corresponding and Membership Secretary: Betty Conlon</p>	<p>In April we received \$110 in membership—one lifetime and have \$70 through memorials for Dorothea Kennedy. Thank yous have been written.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report</p>	<p>Officer Joe Elfers: auto theft is way up. Pay phones are a problem—an excuse to loiter. He alerted all to the jury scam calls, scammers trying to get people’s vital information by saying they did not show up for jury duty.</p> <p>Block watches: Burdette/Ashland has a new group. All were encouraged to form or join Block Watches as an effective crime deterrent.</p> <p>Several additional officers introduced themselves: Officers Higgins and Williams. Calls for service are up 13% from last year.</p> <p>Collins Avenue Steps: Discussion at Board led to bring the issue to the EWH Assembly. Doug Davis passed on information from Barry King who met with the Board earlier. Preliminary findings were that 89 voted to keep the steps open and 63 to close the steps. Phone calls were also being taken: 85 to keep open; 58 to close. Petitions had 48 to open; 16 to close. 4 letters to open; 3 to close. Several groups wrote: all asked to keep steps open: OKI, Hillside Trust, East End Assembly, etc., O’Byronville Business Assn. There is a process now, triggered when anyone signs a petition. This is a public process. Florence Parker gave the reference of Ron Burrell for OKI.</p> <p>Michael Kelly said that people on Keys Crescent started the process. He spoke in favor of closing the steps. He gave the history of paths and steps through the city. Pathway in question is one of the longest, a “paper street.” Crime has gone up on Keys Crescent exponentially. They are tracking the goings and goings of people up and down Collins Avenue late at night. There is litter and much evidence of trespassing and transient activity. Findings next week go before City Council. Keys Crescent have not been trying to push their agenda, just informing people of their situation. They believe that facts have been manipulated.</p> <p>Mark Courtney (resident on Collins Avenue) testified in favor of keeping the steps open; he says Collins Avenue has not had problems. Mark contends that Keys Crescent problems are no greater than the rest of</p>	<p>jelfers@cms.hamilton-co.org 961-3377 979-4400 Officer Gilmer</p> <p>Vote: Close the steps Yes: 21 No: 16</p>

	<p>us who are affected by crime in the city. Also, many other paths on entry and egress were identified. Brendan Ryan spoke; his family owns house at top of the path. He says that no more than 1 or 2 persons travel the path in an hour. Police have observed the danger. There is an alternative path on Cleinview.</p> <p>Another resident from Keys Crescent says the trail is very unsafe: had break-ins and theft. Key Crescent people are very discouraged by the amount of crime.</p> <p>Mark Courtney was asked to leave after discord and abusive language. A letter with these results will be sent to City Traffic and Engineering. (Barry King)</p>	
5. Development	<p>Streetscape: for improvements in business sector. We expect to be under contract in next week or so. This is in line with summer time improvement schedule. Burying wires underground is also underway; will hold up half of the streetscape until finished. These two projects could happen at the same time. If so, this could save money for us and the City.</p> <p>The next police/community meeting will be at 7: 00PM on May 24 at Riverview East Academy. We will ask for accountability re: surveillance cameras at this meeting.</p> <p>Clean and Safe Fund: most of funds have been expended. Funding sources are drying up.</p> <p>Building and inspections: this has been on hold. Those living near an area of neglect are asked to please contact Mary Anne Lee with the information.</p> <p>Communications: Flying Pig Marathon is coming through Sunday morning. Big community event. All were informed about a spectrum of community happenings.</p> <p>Two new condo projects: 70% full at Schoolhouse Lofts. Residents are starting to move in. Bulluck Terrace is becoming entry level condos. Great opportunity for young people.</p> <p>Skyline Chili: plans are available at the meeting. Has an option on the Union Building east. Owner Cam Misleh plans to tear building down, move Skyline in that direction. Wants another tenant in the building. Care needs to be exercised with a zone change as this could open the area up to undesirable business ventures.</p>	
8. Committee Reports	<p>Marketing Project: some building owners are working on getting tenants into underutilized buildings. Banners have gone up as well as posters; They are trying to connect people who have space with those who want space.</p> <p>Communiqué: We have a new editor, Antoinette Brown. We experience a gap from Dorothea Kennedy's death. Due to cost, we are considering going quarterly or bi-monthly with publication. Mary Anne Lee requested input. This month's issue is a bit late.</p> <p>De Sales Corner Business Group: Ed Pfetzing alerted us to new coffee house, MoCa. Starting next week, he will offer sandwiches. New business in Eckerd Building at Woodburn and Taft. Is opening, but identity is not yet known.</p> <p>No parking signs: first letter was not received. Second was sent.</p>	

	<p>Mini-plaza: we are making progress slowly. Oakley Paint and Glass have donated paint and tools. Great American Clean-up was a great success. Rae Vuic reporting on clean-up in Owls Nest Park. EWH listed Owls Nest Park development as a community priority. Walnut Hills supported the Owls Nest Park request and we supported Walnut hills' streetscape project.</p> <p>Cara Hague: Garden Group report. She thanked everyone who participated—it was a great support for the neighborhood. Thanks to Carol and Ed Pfetzing who planted all the neighborhood pots. We will come closed to making \$1500 for the plants. We can be reimbursed for expenses through NSP, bolstering our profit.</p> <p>Website: will be updated by next meeting.</p>	
9. Old business/new business	<p>Old business: slate of nominees: 3 vacancies—Tom Slanker; Betty Hull. Rae Vuic willing to serve.</p> <p>Christa Criddle from Council Member Monzell's office: urged us to take cards from Monzell's Office—helpful numbers for getting service from the City. Other offering is helpful hints for waste collection program, and Monzell Report. Additionally, there is curfew information.</p> <p>Rick Smith, candidate for state office alerted us to a novel crime reduction: movementsofpeace.org He is asking everyone to harness the power of prayer. We are trying to get 300 people pray about peace for 30 days.</p> <p>Carol Pfetzing announced Curves Open House on Saturday.</p>	Show of hands in favor of nominations: unanimous.
10. Adjourn		<p>1st: Ed Pfetzing 2nd: Doug Davis Unanimous affirmative vote.</p>

Recorded by: Sally Sherman, RSM

Next Assembly Meeting:

Next Board Meeting:

Next De Sales Corner Bus. Mtg.

Wednesday June 7, 2006 7:00 PM, De Sales Crossings Center

Tuesday, May 30, 2006 7:00 PM, EWH Substation

Monday, May 15, 2006, noon, 1647 Clayton St.