

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM St.  
Frances de Sales School Cafeteria**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Welcome	Steve Ramos, President of the EWHA Board, called the monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting in person. No Zoom option was provided.	None
1. Assembly Minutes	Attendees approved the November 5 and December 3 General Assembly Meeting minutes after discussing the \$250 donation for the Cincinnati Police Department Seniors Christmas Dinner.	Unanimous in Favor
2. Cincinnati Police Report	<p>Sergeant Linda Sellars presented the crime statistics for December.</p> <p><u>Crime Noted</u>  0 Rape  0 Aggravated Assault  0 Burglary/Property Theft/Breaking &amp; Entering  2 Theft from Autos  5 Auto Thefts  2 Personal Thefts  0 Violent Crime</p> <p>Sergeant Sellars highlighted how auto thefts are “crimes of opportunity” and not to run your cars unlocked.</p> <p>Sergeant Sellars shared updates regarding the homicide investigations in Walnut Hills and Evanston.</p> <p>Our East Walnut Hills CPD Contacts:  Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov;  Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470</p>	None
3. Busch Recreation Center	<p>Ms. Vanessa Henderson presented upcoming events for the Bush Recreation Center.</p> <p>Ms. Henderson thanked the East Walnut Hills residents for their continued support. Some of the key events for the month include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Mayor’s Job Fair Event is planned for February.</li> <li>• Open volleyball classes on Thursday nights, from 6 to 8 PM at Bush.</li> <li>• There are Tai Chi classes starting at the Bush Recreation Center.</li> </ul> <p>Additional information on the above events and other Cincinnati Recreation Commission information is attached.</p> <p>Contact: Vanessa L. Henderson, Service Area Coordinator at Bush Recreation Center 513-281-1286; cincyrec.org</p>	
4. Treasurer’s Report	Vince Accorinti presented the December’s Treasurer’s report. There were no questions.	None

5. Membership & Communications	<p>Chris Davis presented.</p> <p>East Walnut Hills Assembly (EWHA) membership mailings went out in November and December. You can also purchase a membership on the website. Chris encouraged attendees to sign up for emails and newsletters on the sign-up sheets. to the printer before Thanksgiving, so they should arrive within the week. You can also renew your membership at any time online. <a href="https://eastwalnuthills.org/join-now/">https://eastwalnuthills.org/join-now/</a></p>	None
6. Events	<p>Duke Durfee presented.</p> <p>There was no neighborhood cleanup held on November 13 due to the snow.</p> <p>The monument at the bottom of Kemper Lane is missing. Duke has a call into The Parks Department and they are looking into it.</p>	None
7. Beautification	<p>Marilyn Richey reported.</p> <p>Richey highlighted the neighborhood volunteers who adopt and maintain our traffic islands and thanked in advance the residents for helping take down the holiday wreaths.</p>	None
8. Pocket Park	<p>Steve Ramos reported on behalf of Jinny Berten.</p> <p>As noted in prior meetings, the Pocket Park fountain is not working due to a construction error. Efforts are underway, working with CMHA, to get the fountain working again in time for the Spring season.</p>	None
9. Parking	<p>Jeff Butterbaugh reported.</p> <p>Jeff highlighted the security parking lot patrols from 11 PM to 6 AM on weekend evenings to reduce crime. A fresh lighting pole has been installed at the Woodburn Lot. Residents asked about the snow plow services from parking lot operators..</p>	None
10. Farmers Market /Business Association	<p>Deb Dereshkevich reported.</p> <p>Planning is underway for the 2026 Farmers Market, planned for May through October. Looking for Farmers Market board members and volunteers.</p> <p>December Winterfest event cancelled its Saturday programming due to weather, and pledged to program a new event with the funds.</p>	None
11. The DeSales Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (DCDC)	<p>Drew Gores presented for DCDC, and for Tony Fischer on behalf of Development</p> <p>Gores highlighted prep work for a future neighborhood plan, tentatively scheduled for 2027.</p> <p>Gores provided an update on ongoing meetings and work with the proposed developer for 1520 Madison Rd. and preliminary intel on the 1.3 acres site of the former Talbert House property at William Howard Taft and Woodburn Ave. repped by Astonish Properties.</p> <p>Gores provided an update on the Hoffman Schools site and the “alleged” dumping taking place around the historic school building. Gores asked residents to use 311Cincy app to report on the dumping activity.</p> <p>Gores previewed the February 4 Cincinnati Preservation presentation on the “proposed” Cleinview/Hackberry historic district expansion.</p>	None
12. Infrastructure	<p>Mike Schott reported.</p> <p>The road calming study is “on pause,” but look for updates.</p> <p>Refers to the OKI-funded Victory Parkway project and potential impacts on Madison Road and Martin Luther King Drive.</p>	None
13. Other Business	<p>Steve Ramos reported on the ongoing meetings with City of Cincinnati staff to keep the assembly up to date on city business.</p> <p>Steve Ramos provided an update on accessibility goals regarding future General Assembly meetings and pledged to provide an update with a budget in Spring 2026.</p>	None

	Ramos highlighted Kimberly Jacobs' ongoing collaboration with OLLI, (Osher Lifelong Learning Program) at the University of Cincinnati.	
	City of Cincinnati Council Member Anna Albi presented an update on her work on reducing gun violence in the City of Cincinnati and took questions on the topic	
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.	None

Assembly meeting pre-reading: Agenda, October 2025 Treasurer's Report, and November 5 Meeting Minutes.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00P.M.**

Meetings will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

Submitted by Steve Ramos, President

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**AGENDA**

**Board Packet**

1. Approval of Minutes from General Assembly Meetings on November 5, 2025, and December 3, 2025
2. Cincinnati Police Report from Officer Locke
3. Bush Recreation Center Report from Ms. Vanessa Henderson
4. Treasurer's Report from Vince Accorinti
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Farmer's Market Report from Deb Dereshkevich
  - b. Infrastructure and Traffic Calming Study Update from Mike Schott
  - c. Pocket Park / Public Art Report from Jinny Berten
  - d. Beautification Report from Marilyn Richey
  - e. Parking Report from Jeff Butterbaugh
  - f. Development from Tony Fischer
  - g. Events Report from Duke Durfee
  - h. OLLI Collaboration Preview from Kimberly Jacobs
  - i. Winterfest Preview
  - j. Young Adult Communications Preview from Shannon Miranda
  - k. Communications & Membership Report from Chris Davis

**New Business:**

- Councilmember Anna Albi Presentation on promoting gun and road safety
- General Meeting Accessibility Update
- DCDC Updates
- City of Cincinnati Neighborhood Liaison Update

**6. Adjournment**

**NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING:** 7 pm on February 4, 2026, at St. Francis de Sales School Cafeteria

**THE EWH BOARD WILL MEET:** 7 pm on Wednesday, January 28.

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