

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, JUNE 7TH, 2023 at 7:00 PM In-Person & on Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Freeman Durham, President of the EWHA Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 23 people attended the meeting in person, and another 7 attended the meeting on Zoom.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for May 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted Auto thefts as a central theme, with a continued issue with Hyundai in particular. With 10 attempted auto thefts, the main prevention was the newer Hyundai models having pushbuttons that minimize this theft issue. The police are encouraging steering wheel locks, as summertime is seeing crime increases already. Compounding this issue is the city is closing District 5 and integrating Walnut Hills into District 2, which has expected District 2 crime to increase by 30%. With Auto thefts still up, it's especially important to never leave car ignition key fobs in the vehicle or in the owner's garage. Officer Locke encouraged the community to lock or shut their garage doors while working in the yard as valuables inside may be left vulnerable. Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov ; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson presented. Pool will be open on Monday, June 12 th . Memberships cost \$30/year for children, \$45 18-59, and \$30 for Seniors. Daily swim is available as well without an annual membership. The maximum of 45 children have enrolled for summer camp and the center is looking for additional volunteers as well as pool monitors and life guards. July 14 th holds the mobile mammograms from 8:30-10:30. There is a birthday celebration for Harriet Beecher Stowe at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House on June 11 th , 1-4pm.	None
3. May Minutes	The May Annual Meeting Minutes and May Monthly Meeting Minutes were posted on the website. There being no revisions requested, they were approved as submitted.	None
4. Treasurer's Report.	Vince Accoriniti presented. Reviewing the April 2023 income and balance sheet, sent out prior to the meeting. No extra-ordinary income or expenses were incurred during this time period.	None
5. Neighborhood Support Program Grant Request	Vince presented the proposed Neighborhood Support Program Grant request. The annual grant program, administered by Invest in Neighborhoods, has increased the amount allotted to \$9,872 per neighborhood. Two program expenditures were highlighted, partially used for operational costs incurred for operating the website, social media, and third-party management of those activities; then a portion goes to support operational costs associated with the management of the EWHA parking lots. In addition, it has been proposed that a portion of these funds be allocated for the Events Committee to use for the organization of neighborhood programming and events, as well as funds for the Beautification Committee, partially being used for the large flowerpots in the business district and for management of the traffic islands. Discussion ensued regarding parking lot expenses, and costs associated with its management. <u>UPON MOTION AND SECOND, GRANT REQUEST AS SUBMITTED WAS APPROVED</u>	Yes, Approved
6. Events	Christine Johnson presented. Owl's Nest Park has a new schedule for adult and children's yoga, with chairs available for those who desire. The children's	None

	<p>yoga is with a children’s certified instructor. Jinny Southgate, certified children’s yoga instructor will be coming on June 17th at Owl’s Nest Park. Looking for additional programming for the park activities, suggestions welcome, looking for Tai Chi, arts and crafts, and possible movie nights.</p> <p>Trash Walk is July 1st, in East Walnut Hills, meeting at the Symposium at 9, going until 11A. The monthly trash walk is the first Saturday of the month. It was requested to keep the committee informed if there are any areas where trash is beginning to pile up, and the walks will focus on these areas. Volunteers for event committee sign ups, activities, and outcoming are encouraged to participate.</p> <p><u>The upcoming events for our community are:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, June 24th, Gospel Fest “Praise in the Park”, Hoffman Field off Woodburn; • Saturday July 15th, JamFest, Owls Nest Park, full Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Push Play, 4-10pm; • Saturday, September 2nd, Evanston Fest, Evanston Playground off Dana, Cincinnati Music Accelerator; • Saturday, October 7th, Community Jazzfest, Owls Nest Park, with “Mombocombo”. 	
7. Farmer’s Market	President Freeman presented. Reminded everyone of the market hours and dates. Fridays 3:30p – 7p through October	None
8. Parking	President Freeman presented. The Farmer’s Market will be using the Madison Lot, so please be cognizant of not parking in the allotted areas on Fridays. Woodburn lot will be shutting down for maintenance for a single day this summer, with about 3-week notice being communicated. The parking payment system is changing, using a QR code to reduce costs and increase convenience. Old parking machines will be deactivated in July with much communications to lead the changeover.	
9. Safety and Infrastructure	Ryan Crane presented. Madison road traffic calming project has begun with the reaching out to “Devou Good Foundation,” and they’re putting up speed data counters in an attempt to gather data for a walkable streets design consultation. Looking to put those up on Friday, June 10 th , with a long-term goal of enabling the city with data for investing in Madison Road traffic calming.	None
10. Pocket Park	Jinny Berten presented. Committee has been working on getting fountain operational in the pocket park by the San Marco. Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) has hired an outside landscape and fountain specialist for the management of the pocket park and fountain moving forward.	None
11. St. Francis DeSales Steeple	Brother Bill presented. There was significant storm damage to the tile on the steeple. They will begin to repair the steeple tile once the scaffolding is in place. It will take many months and cost about \$1M.	
12. Business Association	President Freeman presented. Walk on Woodburn is this Friday, from 5-10pm.	
13. Development	John McHugh presented. Rusk is open and thriving. The Woodburn Exchange is currently 50% leased and 30% occupied, with a grand opening to follow. Expecting a nearly full leasing to come in February of 2024. Solstice is planning on opening on June 28 th , with final inspections in a week. Hoffman School local landmark designation has hit a snag. While the historic conservation board unanimously approved it, on Friday the planning commission voted 6-1 against the designation.	

14. Other Business	A question was asked about the effort to designate Hoffman School as a local landmark and what people can do to support the effort. Drew Gores presented. The application for the local landmark designation will go before the Equitable Housing Committee, expected to happen in early August. It will then go to City Council. Cincinnati Preservation Association will be speaking individually to each councilperson, working to get support. 17K people responded to the EWH Facebook post, so there is much interest in saving the building. It is important that supporters write letters and show up at City Council chambers for the equitable housing committee meeting.	
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.	

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics and April Treasurer's Report

THE NEXT EWHA ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 6TH AT 7:00 P.M. This will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA

June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria

1. City Department Presentations
 - a. Cincinnati Fire Department
 - b. Cincinnati Police Department *Officer Perry Locke*
 - c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC *Center Coordinator Vanessa Henderson*
2. Approval of Minutes from the Annual Meeting and Assembly Meeting on May 3, 2023
3. Treasurer's Report *Vince Accorinti*
4. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*
5. Other Business

Adjournment

**The next regular meeting of the Assembly will be held on
September 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm
St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria**

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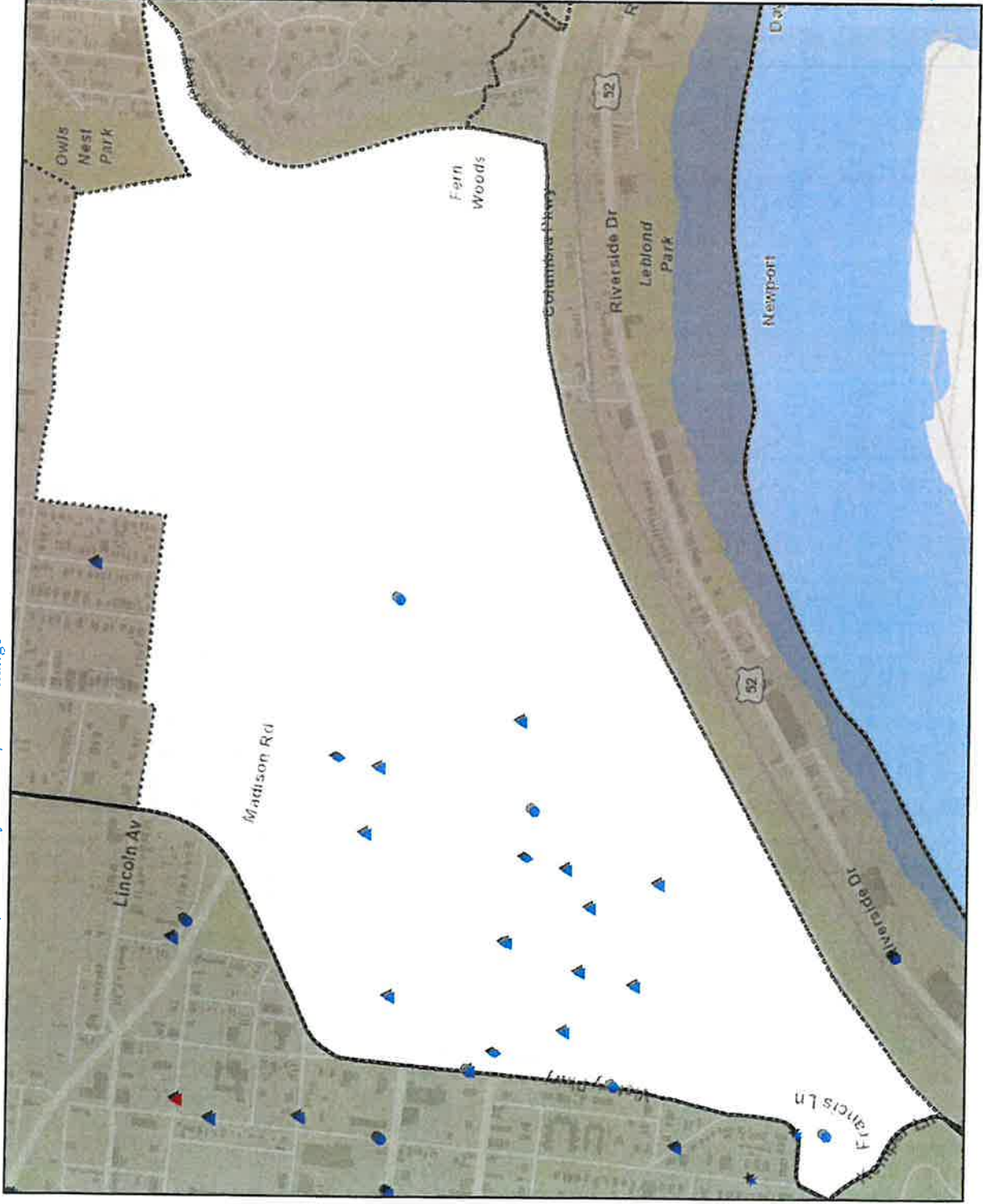
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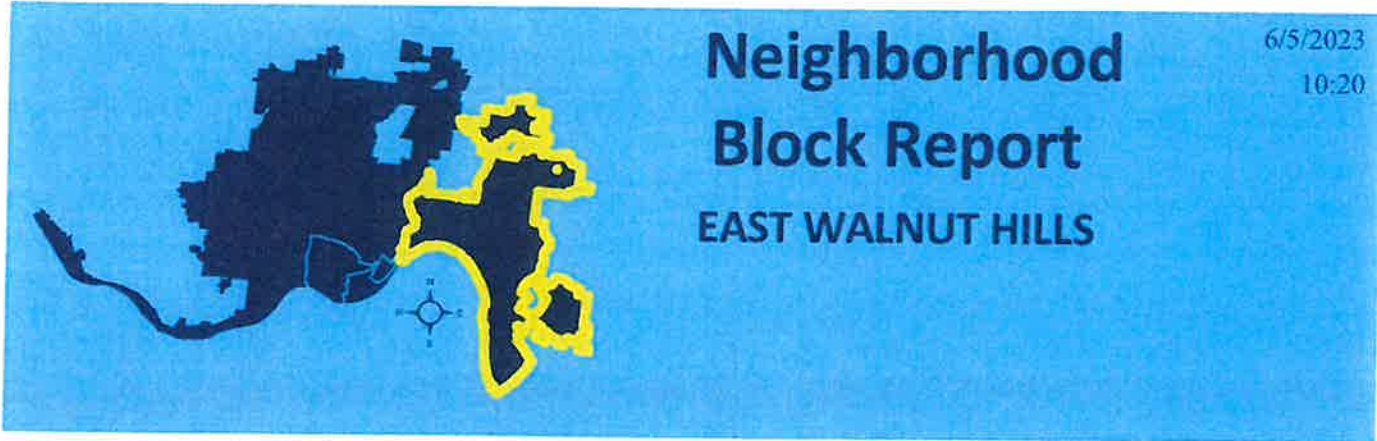
EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

*All information shown here are preliminary and subject to change



- Neighborhoods
- Districts
- Violent Crimes**
 - Homicide
 - Rape
 - Robbery
 - Agg Assault
- Property Crimes**
 - Burglary/BE
 - Theft from Auto
 - Auto Theft
 - Personal/Other Theft





Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239013290	Theft	5/16/2023 7:46:00 AM	25XX MOORMAN AV
239014930	Theft	5/30/2023 12:00:00 PM	24XX GRANDVIEW AV
239014920	Theft	5/30/2023 9:32:00 AM	23XX GRANDVIEW AV
239014459	Theft	5/26/2023 4:45:00 AM	26XX ASHLAND AV
239014373	Theft	5/25/2023 11:36:00 AM	13XX BURDETT AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239014366	Theft	5/25/2023 10:00:00 AM	25XX BELL PL
239013822	Theft	5/21/2023 8:55:00 AM	23XX UPLAND PL
239013032	Theft	5/14/2023 11:44:00 AM	13XX FLEMING ST
239013028	Theft	5/14/2023 10:31:00 AM	13XX FLEMING ST
239012764	Theft	5/11/2023 8:32:00 PM	24XX ASHLAND AV

Burglary/BE

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239013967	Breaking and Entering	5/22/2023 11:10:00 AM	22XX VICTORY PY

Part 2 Offense

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239015274	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	6/2/2023 3:26:28 AM	18XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239012570	Taking the Identity of Another	5/10/2023 10:05:36 AM	19XX MADISON RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239013248	Taking the Identity of Another	5/16/2023 11:40:00 AM	25XX INGLESIDE AV

Personal/Other Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239C000347	Theft	5/10/2023 10:14:27 PM	26XX CLEINVIEW AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239012425	Theft	5/8/2023 10:38:03 PM	14XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239015049	Theft	5/31/2023 8:50:00 AM	20XX CALVIN CLIFF LN

Theft from Auto

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239012253	Theft	5/7/2023 9:40:00 AM	14XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239013020	Theft	5/14/2023 9:40:00 AM	12XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No 239014366	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 5/25/2023 10:00:00 AM	Street Block 25XX BELL PL
Incident No 239012566	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 5/10/2023 9:37:23 AM	Street Block 27XX WOODBURN AV

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY

Monthly Report
4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023

Category	Annual Budget	Month	Year to Date
	7/1/2022 6/30/2023	4/1/2023 4/30/2023	7/1/2022 4/30/2023
INCOME			
Membership Dues	9,750.00	380.00	9,552.78
Grants	18,361.00	0.00	9,850.00
Other Contributions	0.00	0.00	470.00
Parking Revenue	87,250.00	9,192.44	85,772.15
Event Income	0.00	0.00	195.00
Sales	200.00	0.00	10.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	115,561.00	9,572.44	105,849.93
EXPENSES			
Outreach	9,800.00	1,032.96	8,365.25
Administration	1,190.00	81.05	727.19
Business Association	12,350.00	304.00	9,267.00
Beautification	16,640.00	2,200.00	8,461.32
Event Committee	6,850.00	0.00	0.00
Woodburn Parking Lot	36,506.00	1,461.83	29,947.60
Madison Parking Lot	44,839.00	1,003.39	38,527.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	128,175.00	6,083.23	95,296.27
OVERALL TOTAL	-12,614.00	3,489.21	10,553.66

BALANCE SHEET (Month)

	3/31/2023	4/30/2023	Net Change
Operating Account	21,101.56	20,076.15	-1,025.41
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	2,237.32	4,635.93	2,398.61
Woodburn Lot Acct	36,701.52	41,030.13	4,328.61
Business Association Acct	4,541.89	4,297.89	-244.00
Business Association PayPal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	42.00	73.40	31.40
Rainbow Building Promissory Note	27,980.00	25,980.00	-2,000.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	92,604.29	96,093.50	3,489.21

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

	6/30/2022	4/30/2023	Net Change
Operating Account	21,739.31	20,076.15	-1,663.16
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	11,875.52	4,635.93	-7,239.59
Woodburn Lot Acct	16,493.90	41,030.13	24,536.23
Business Association Acct	5,389.11	4,297.89	-1,091.22
Business Association PayPal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	42.00	73.40	31.40
Rainbow Building Promissory Note	30,000.00	25,980.00	-4,020.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	85,539.84	96,093.50	10,553.66