

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, MARCH 1ST, 2023 at 7:00 PM In-Person & on Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Adam Rockel, Vice President of the EWHA Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 27 people attended the meeting in person, and another 14 attended the meeting on Zoom.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for February 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted Auto Thefts, Criminal Damaging, Inducing Panic, and Personal Thefts. He encouraged the community members to not leave key fobs in the vehicles or in their garages as this behavior tends to lead to increase auto theft. Please call Officer Perry Locke with any questions or concerns: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov ; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson presented. The Recreation Center is beginning kids programs, M-F, 11A - 8P at 2640 Kemper Lane. The center is closed March 13 th for city wide. Cincinnati boxing is Saturday March 11 th , with tickets being \$10. Zion Baptist in Avondale, Morehead Glee Club, and Summer Day camp registrations are all open, with many being filled already. Pickleball is now open on Friday mornings from 1130A – 230P. Free for members and usually not crowded. For teenagers and above, ages 12 - 24, the center is looking for part time summer employees, with applications due March 19 th .	None
3. Approval of November, December, and February Assembly Meeting Minutes	Upon motion and second, the November, December, and February East Walnut Hills Assembly minutes were approved.	Yes, Approved
4. Crime & Gun Intelligence Center	Claire Rowe presented, Community Coordinator, CGIS. The Crime and Gun Intelligence Center is a collaboration between CPD, Hamilton County, ATF, and other agencies, to collect ballistic evidence with an on connecting the forensic evidence across crimes. By understanding how these weapons are entering circulation and their various uses, crime can be prevented. Calling the center is encouraged to bring forth information regarding gun violence or use in the neighborhood. The organization works directly with victims and witnesses of gun violence to ensure safety and bolster emotional support for the victims of gun violence following an incident. Haley Coleman presented. Discussion ensued relating to specific services available through the Crime & Gun Intelligence Center.	None
5. Treasurer's Report	Drew Gores presented. The finance report was posted on the website prior to the meeting. Parking revenues were just short of \$9K. Various expenses ranging from outreach expenses for social media, administration costs, beautification for \$4,300, and expenses on the Woodburn and Madison lot, \$26K, equaled ~\$55K. Expenses in January included profit share with Star Parking, which was approximately 30% of profits.	None
6. Events	Christine Johnson presented. The neighborhood trash clean up is the first Saturday of the month from 9-11A, March 4 th , meeting at the parking lot outside of the old Parkside Café. The upcoming events for our community are: April 25 th 6-8pm, Cincinnati Parks Foundation hosting Owls Nest Park Community Engagement session, 4 Beech Lane; May 6 th , Clay Alliance Pottery Fair, 10-4pm; Saturday May 13 th , CSO Popup String Performance, 1-4pm, Owls Nest Park, Mother's Day performance; Gospel Fest, June 24 th , Hoffman Field off Woodburn, "Praise in the Park;" Saturday July 15 th , JamFest, Full Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Push Play, 4-10pm; Evanston Fest, Evanston Playground off Dana;	None

	September 7 th , Cincinnati Music Accelerator; Community Jazzfest, with "Mombocombo," October 7 th . Applying for grants to be used in Owls Nest Park, looking for new and interesting events to bring to the community space.	
7. Business Association	Sara Sieftring presented. Walk on Woodburn is next Friday, March 10 th , and cleaning supplies are being gathered for the cleaning supply drive. New Business Association Chair members have been voted on, with a new slate being approved.	None
8. Parking	Rick Boydston presented. The Assembly owns a 40-space lot on Woodburn Avenue with another 80 spots under a lease with the City of Cincinnati next to the French Building on Madison Road. Negotiations continue with the City regarding the lease for the Madison lot. The city is seeking to limit permit parking in the lot. The City has communicated a willingness to discuss alternatives. Based on the usage of the lot for permit parking should not be restricted until the Madison lot is completely full. The committee is exploring the cost of resurfacing the Woodburn lot and other maintenance that is required for the use of the parking lot. Funding sources are being explored and bids for the scope of work are being gathered. Requests have been received by a private business for renting the entire Woodburn lot for an event. The board decided on a daily rate previously used and communicated to the interested party. It was reminded that the Parking Committee meets every month at 1527 Madison Road at 530pm prior to the assembly meeting. Engagement and attendance are encouraged.	None
9. Community Garden & Development	Drew Gores presented. The Woodburn Exchange is coming online with residents moving in immediately. Rusk Kitchen is having their grand opening and ribbon cutting on April 21 st , with their first day open April 20 th . They are located at 2724 Woodburn. Every year in March and April, we enter the NBDIP grant cycle, for both minor and major grants. It is through this program that the Assembly and DCDC have pursued grant funding for white boxing the Rainbow Building on Madison Road. The building is currently owned by the Redevelopment Foundation and discussions are active in how we shall pursue NBDIP funding for the known costs of renovating the fifth bay of the building. The committee's plans are to show a more unified and cohesive presentation with the community leading the engagement process instead of Walnut Hills. Samuel Hannaford is a famous architect who designed many iconic buildings in Cincinnati. One of the schools he designed, is the Hoffman School, on the border between East Walnut Hills and Evanston. A developer has submitted a proposal for demolishing the school and building apartments. The Board of the Assembly has agreed to make an application to designate the Hoffman School as a Local Landmark, which would subsequently protect the building from demolition. Our application is on hold in hopes of partnership with Evanston. We are actively discussing with the Cincinnati Preservation Association how we can support the protection of this historic building. Evanston Community Council has not yet established plan for moving forward on this development or demolition.	None
10. Pocket Park	Jinny Berten presented. Working with CMHA, progress has been made on a plan to ensure functionality of fountain. Sons of Italy are funding and recreating the Remus and Romulus statue that was stolen from Eden Park, aiming for a September reveal of a replacement that duplicates the original statue.	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.	

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary- Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report and Flier, and November, December, and February Assembly Minutes, and the Treasurer's Report

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA
March 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria

1. Welcome *Adam Rockel*
 2. City Department Presentations
 - a. Cincinnati Fire Department
 - b. Cincinnati Police Department *Officer Perry Locke*
 - c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC *Director Vanessa Henderson*
 3. Crime Gun Intelligence Center *Claire Rowe, Community Coordinator*
 4. Approval of Minutes from Assembly Meeting on February 1, 2023
 5. Treasurer's Report *Vince Accorinti*
 6. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*
 7. Other Business
- Adjournment

The next Assembly will be held on
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm
St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria

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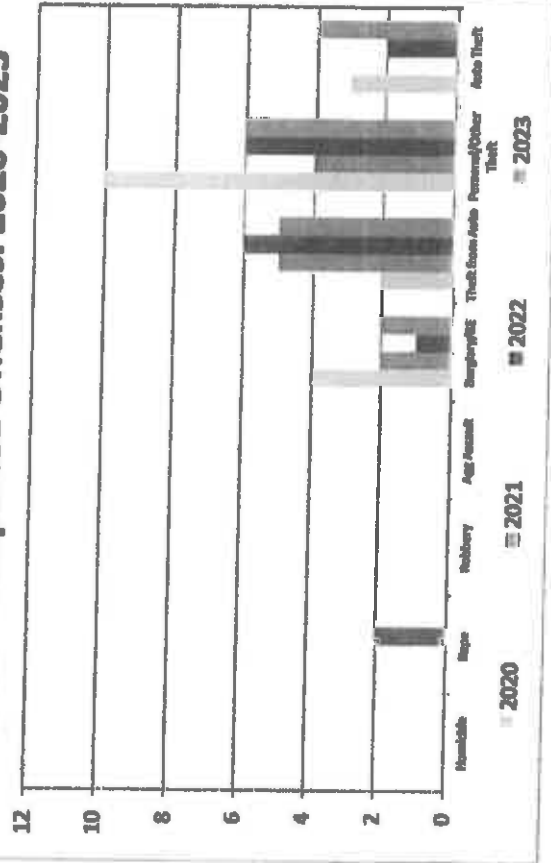
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East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

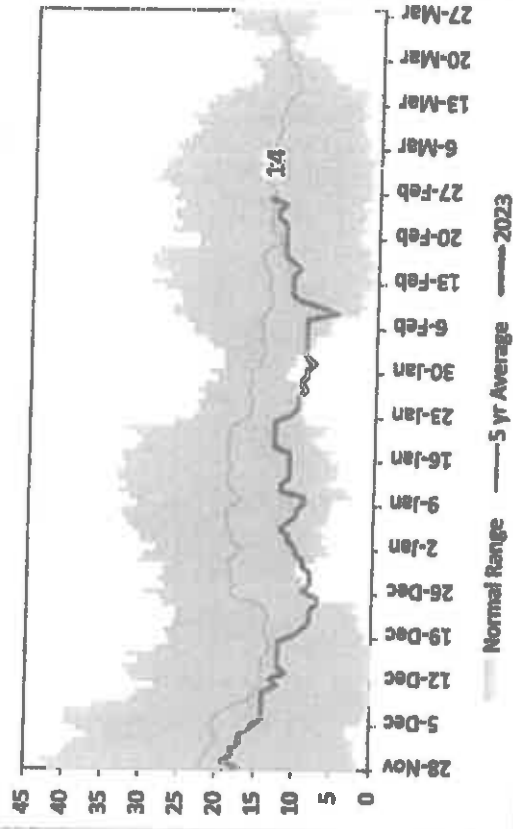
East Walnut Hills	Year-to-Date: 27-Feb					
	2020	2021	2022	Avg: 2020-22	% Change: Avg / 23	% Change: 2022 / 2023
Part 1 Crime						
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0	N/C	N/C
Rape	0	0	2	0.7	↓ 0.7	↓ 2
Robbery	0	0	0	0.0	N/C	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	0	0.0	N/C	N/C
Total P1 Violent Crime	0	0	2	0.7	↓ 0.7	↓ 2
Burglary/BE	4	2	1	2.3	-14.3%	100.0%
Theft from Auto	2	5	6	4.3	15.4%	-16.7%
Personal/Other Theft	10	4	6	6.7	-10.0%	N/C
Auto Theft	3	0	2	1.7	140.0%	100.0%
Total P1 Property Crime	19	11	15	15.0	13.3%	13.3%
Total P1 Crime	19	11	17	15.7	8.5%	N/C

East Walnut Hills	Rolling 28 ending: 2/27/2023					% Change: P2-P1
	Period 4 11/08/22 - 12/5/22	Period 3 12/06/22 - 1/2/23	Period 2 01/03/23 - 1/30/23	Period 1 01/31/23 - 2/17/23	P3-P1	
Part 1 Crime						
Homicide	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Rape	1	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Robbery	1	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Total P1 Violent Crime	2	0	0	0	↓ 2	↓ 2
Burglary/BE	1	0	0	0	N/C	50.0%
Theft from Auto	4	2	2	3	4	100.0%
Personal/Other Theft	4	2	2	4	300.0%	83.3%
Auto Theft	0	1	0	0	11	120.0%
Total P1 Property Crime	9	5	6	11	11	83.3%
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Part One Reported Offenses: 2020-2023

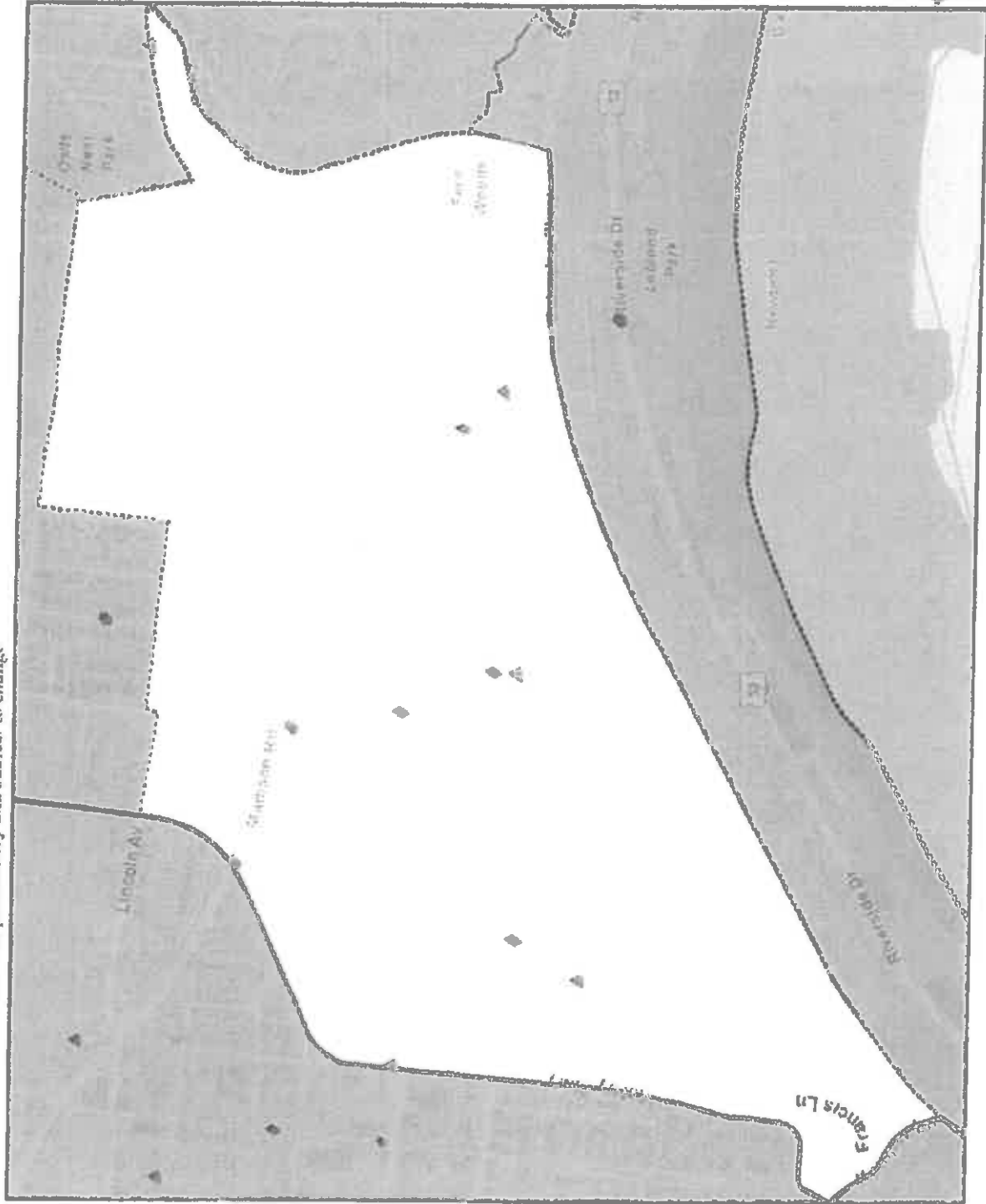


Rolling 28 Day Reported Offenses

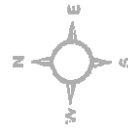


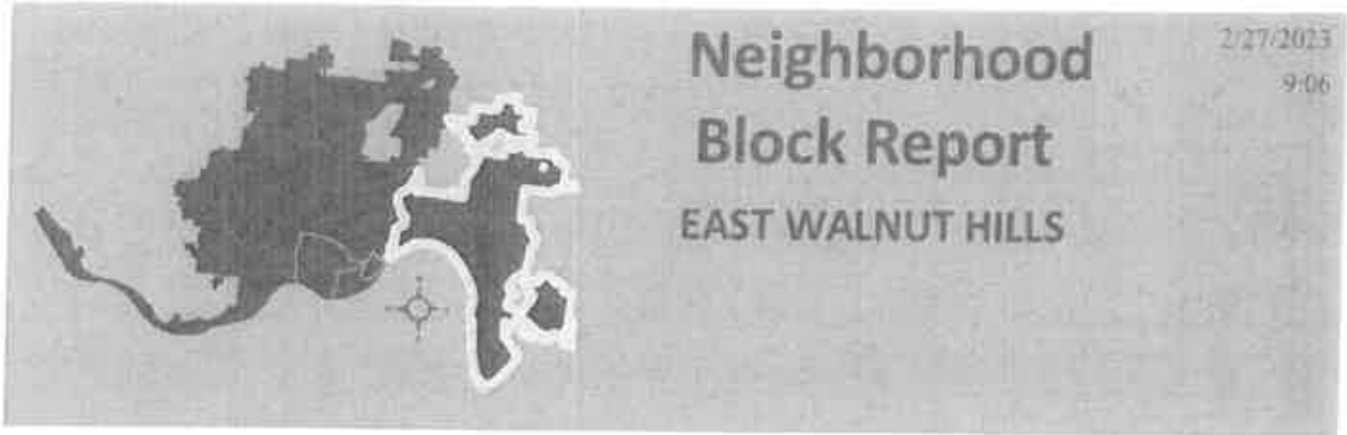
EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

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





Neighborhood Block Report

EAST WALNUT HILLS

2/27/2023
9:06

Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239003570	Theft	2/9/2023 11:51:00 AM	4XX COLLINS AV
239003742	Theft	2/10/2023 5:43:00 PM	25XX HACKBERRY ST
239004210	Theft	2/15/2023 12:41:51 PM	24XX UPLAND PL

Part 2 Offense

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239003662	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	2/10/2023 7:13:16 AM	27XX WOODBURN AV
239005081	Domestic Violence	2/23/2023 7:35:00 PM	26XX HACKBERRY ST

Incident No 239003831	Offense Inducing Panic	Date of Offense 2/11/2023 2:09:00 PM	Street Block 27XX VICTORY PY
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Personal/Other Theft

Incident No 239002779	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 2/1/2023 9:40:00 AM	Street Block 15XX MADISON RD
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Incident No 239002897	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 2/2/2023 1:42:00 PM	Street Block 15XX MADISON RD
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Incident No 239003729	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 2/10/2023 4:32:00 PM	Street Block 28XX WOODBURN AV
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Theft from Auto

Incident No 239003548	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM	Street Block 25XX HACKBERRY ST
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Incident No 239004304	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 2/16/2023 4:59:00 AM	Street Block 26XX MOORMAN AV
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Incident No 239C000173	Offense Theft	Date of Offense 2/17/2023 2:10:25 PM	Street Block 18XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD
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Cincinnati Citizens Respect our Witnesses

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Homicide survivor support group

Men's Empowerment group

Youth group

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY

Monthly Report
1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023

Category	Annual Budget	Month	Year to Date
	7/1/2022 6/30/2023	1/1/2023 1/31/2023	7/1/2022 1/31/2023
INCOME			
Membership Dues	9,750.00	800.00	8,060.00
Grants	18,361.00	0.00	6,100.00
Other Contributions	0.00	1,010.00	1,480.00
Parking Revenue	87,250.00	8,687.05	54,713.76
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	10,497.05	70,558.76
EXPENSES			
Outreach	9,800.00	450.00	6,432.29
Administration	1,190.00	183.96	561.84
Business Association	12,350.00	300.00	7,363.00
Beautification	16,640.00	4,319.90	5,537.38
Event Committee	6,850.00	0.00	0.00
Woodburn Parking Lot	36,506.00	8,700.78	22,563.26
Madison Parking Lot	44,839.00	12,075.35	28,434.71
TOTAL EXPENSES	128,175.00	26,029.99	70,892.48
OVERALL TOTAL	-12,614.00	-15,532.94	-333.72

BALANCE SHEET (Month)

	12/31/2022	1/31/2023	Net Change
Operating Account	26,186.86	22,922.80	-3,263.86
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	19,234.01	10,154.71	-9,079.30
Woodburn Lot Acct	24,940.28	21,930.50	-3,009.78
Business Association Acct	336.11	156.11	-180.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	42.00	42.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	70,751.03	55,218.09	-15,532.94

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

	6/30/2022	1/31/2023	Net Change
Operating Account	21,739.31	22,922.80	1,183.49
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	11,875.52	10,154.71	-1,720.81
Woodburn Lot Acct	16,493.90	21,930.50	5,436.60
Business Association Acct	5,389.11	156.11	-5,233.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	42.00	42.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	55,551.81	55,218.09	-333.72

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2023 at 7:00 PM In-Person & on Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Freeman Durham, President of the EWH Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 27 people attended the meeting in person, and another 14 attended the meeting on Zoom.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for January 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted auto theft, breaking and entering, criminal damaging, domestic violence, violation of a protection order, and personal thefts. The police department is awaiting fingerprints from the break-ins along Woodburn Avenue. A request was made to add the shot spotter activity to crime report. Parking on Woodburn and East McMillian discussed as well. 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. They are hiring for the upcoming season, with positions posted for Pool Monitors and Summer programs. With 15 different pools available, the Recreation Commission is accepting applications for recreation specialists and Life Guards. Friday at 11AM has pickle ball, with a pickle ball tournament coming up with a date to be posted.	None
3. Springer School Development Project & Variance Support Request	Kristin Biannin, Brett Maroux (Executive Director), and Brian Oldiges (SHP architects/engineers) presented. The school representatives provided a brief overview of the school, which has about 200 special needs students in 1 st – 9 th grade school. They then described their plan to raze an outdated single story building and add an addition to the current school building. With the removal of the old building, their vision is to consolidate school staff into a single building, as well as providing an opportunity to alleviate traffic pattern congestion and modernize the school campus. SHP Architects reported some variances as being necessary to accomplish the proposed project: (1) The campus is held in an SF20 residential zone, which would require a conditional approval for the building of a non-residential structure. (2) A slight variance for building height, from 35ft to 40 ft, stepped up from building further back to the interior portion of the structure minimizing street view height changes. (3) Small sign on south face for logo, with a variance for height and size of sign (65 ft) necessary as well. They're hoping to break ground this summer. They requested a letter of support from the Assembly. They indicated that they have not yet approached the Hyde Park Community Council or the O'Bryonville Business Association. Freeman indicated that any request for a letter of support would need to go through our Development Committee, and recommended that they first obtain support from Hyde Park and O'Bryonville.	None
4. Treasurer's Report.	Vince Accorinti, Treasurer, presented. He noted November and December Treasurer's Reports. November saw no significant expenses or income to note with normal operating expenses seen. December saw membership drive for 2023, with dues payments hitting the accounting books. DCDC's renovations of the community garden, 1620 DeSales Lane, saw repayment of funds loaned to the organization from the EWH Assembly. DCDC was using grant funds that were paid back to the Assembly. The Assembly received approximately \$5,000 in repayment. Payout costs for membership mailers went out and we've reached the end of the expense period for the Neighborhood Activation Fund.	None
5. Events	President Freeman presented. Next neighborhood cleanup, Saturday February 4 th , at 9am at the Evanston Recreation Center, 3402 Woodburn. The festivals of Evanston have been renamed "Festivals of Neighbors," to reflect the	None

	intercommunity relationships being formed in Owl's Nest Park and across Evanston and East Walnut Hills. Meetings with Cincinnati Symphony and Cincinnati Parks have begun to iron out event specific details. Concerts are scheduled on May 13 th , for the Cincinnati Pops, July 15 th full CSO and a band named Push Play, National Night Out on August 1 st , and Evanston Fest on September 2 nd at Evanston Park, and on October 7 th , the Community Jazzfest.	
6. Farmer's Market / Infrastructure	Deb Derezhkevich presented. Farmer's Market will be starting the last Friday in May and continue through October. The market is currently looking for additional vendors. Hours now run from 330pm - 7pm.	None
7. Parking	Rick Boydston presented. The Assembly owns a 40-space lot on Woodburn Avenue with another 80 spots contained in a lease with the City of Cincinnati next to the French Building on Madison Road. Negotiations continue with the City regarding the lease for the 80-spot agreement. The city is seeking to limit permit parking in the lot. The City has communicated a willingness to discuss alternatives. Requested use is in line with traditional use, for events such as Pottery Fair and Winterfest, despite being excluded in current lease language.	None
8. Business Association	Sara Siefing presented. Walk on Woodburn for February 10 th is teaming up with the Sisters of Mercy for donation boxes looking for cleaning supplies to be then be consolidated and donated.	None
9. Community Garden & Development	Drew Gores presented. Dave Osborne, Manager - Rusk Kitchen, reported specifically on the opening of Rusk Kitchen on Woodburn Avenue. The kitchen is opening for Lunch on weekdays and Brunch served each Saturday & Sunday. Their vision is be a neighborhood bar and restaurant providing American eclectic cuisine and boutique event space with a rooftop bar. March 1 st is projected as their current tentative opening date. Supply chain issues continue to plague Solstice from opening on the corner of Woodburn and Madison. Branch restaurant has closed and the owners are looking for a new tenant for that space. Originalites has closed their brick and mortar location while continuing online. Woodburn Exchange is aiming at a March opening, with leasing currently open. No updates on the first floor commercial space at this time. The Woodburn Exchange met with the community to ensure alignment with perceived community needs being taken under advisement, with hard hat tours available. Purcell Mariani built the beginning wall for the stadium, continuing their construction pace moving towards completion. Community garden manager has been found, boxes created and ready for spring, and the chain link fence to be completed in March/April following the necessary temperatures for installation. In response to a question about the Walnut Hills Kroger site, Samantha Reeves of the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation reported that 42 units of low-income affordable are being built on McMillian, with People's Apartments providing 56 units mixed affordability being developed as well.	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report and Flier, and November & December Treasurer's Report

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2. Bush Recreation Center Report	President Freeman Durham presented with Vanessa Henderson. Fall hours are 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Mon-Fri. A summary of what is going on at the Bush Recreation Center in September is attached. The Center has new hours. They are hiring. They are hosting a toy and car drive. Information can be found on the attached flier or by reaching out to Ms. Henderson by email. (vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov).	None
3. Approval of the June 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes	There being no revisions to the September 7th, 2022 monthly Assembly Minutes (posted on the website prior to the meeting), the Minutes were deemed approved as posted.	None
4. Treasurer's Report.	Vince Accorinti, Treasurer, reported. He noted an \$8000 drop in the operating account balance. This change reflected two major funds transfers: 1. NAF Grant from August, transferred to Business Association, and 2. \$1,900, advance of funds to DCDC for developing the EWH community garden at 1620 DeSales Lane.	None
5. Infrastructure / Farmers Market	Ryan Crane and Deb Derezhkevich reporting. Urban planning, pedestrian safety, requested pedestrian safety improvements to the city were discussed. Input from residents on Madison/Woodburn regarding these improvements are encouraged as discussions continue. The final market day for the 2022 Farmers Market season was 10/28. Thank the Board of Managers and other volunteers. Woodburn Winterfest will be held on Woodburn Avenue, from Myrtle to Madison, on December 10 th , 2022, from 2:00-7:00.	None
6. Parking	Rick Boydston reported. Parking revenues are now at pre-pandemic levels. There are two lots that EWHHA owns or leases – one on Woodburn and one on Madison - with approximately 120 spaces in the two lots. Discussions continue with the City about the renewal of the lease for the Madison lot that the City owns. Currently permit parking ~45/30 per month. Discussion with the city regarding a new lease for the Madison lot is actively being pursued. Concerns around permit parking are actively being worked through with the city.	None
7. Development Committee Report	Drew Gores reported. Reached out to Steven Droman, KEAN Ventures, regarding the first floor retail of the Woodburn Exchange, thought they would be leasing by Fall 2022. Two-way conversions have now been completed: Taft, McMillan, and Woodburn. This has successfully slowed traffic. Beautification Committee will take over maintaining the plantings in the medians and traffic islands. Construction has begun on the restaurant/bar at 2724 Woodburn, which has been unused and boarded up for years. Purcell Marian stadium project is proceeding and the retaining wall along Woodburn has been put up. The 7 derelict Woodburn properties north of DeSales Lane have been completely demolished, but there is still a significant amount of bricks and debris. At the next Assembly meeting, the Department of Transportation will make an introductory presentation about its project to redo Victory Parkway from Martin Drive to Taft; involving rehabilitation of the bridge, traffic calming, and protected turn lanes. Branch has closed. The Solstice restaurant is waiting completion	None

8. Business Association	Sara Siefring reported. Walk on Woodburn for November and December, teaming up with Winterfest, Friday, December 9 th , is WOW, then Saturday December 10 th is Winterfest. Nominations are last Monday in November, officers for the Business Association. Voting will be in December.	None
9. Events	Rick Boydston reported. Trash walk, Saturday 9A, at the Evanston Recreation Center.	None
10. NBDSF Application	Kathleen Armstrong reported. For the coming year, the Neighborhood Business District Support Fund (NBDSF) offers a \$3,750 grant. The application deadline is Monday. The Business Association is proposing to allocate this grant \$3,200 for social media promotion of the business district and \$550 for entertainment at Walk on Woodburn and other Business Association events. Freeman explained that the EWA Board has approved submitting this grant request to the Assembly meeting, and that all EWH residents were eligible to vote even if not Assembly members. Upon motion and second, the grant application and allocation of funds as presented by Kathleen was unanimously approved.	Unanimous Approval
11. Other Business	Michael Jordan, resident, brought up a new proposal for tax abatements promoting buying and living in properties in Hamilton County. Attention was brought to free trees available through Taking Root: OKI.org/tree-for-me	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Freeman Durham, President of the EWHA Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting in person, and others attended the meeting on Zoom.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for November 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted breaking and entering, criminal damaging, menacing by stalking, multiple thefts, rape, and multiple auto thefts. He called out porch pirates, and noted packages can be delivered to the station at District 2 or 4, and to just let them know ahead of time. Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov ; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470	None
2. Approval of the November 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes	October was our Candidates night, and there were no minutes. The November Minutes have not been posted, and will be approved at the next assembly meeting	None
3. Treasurer's Report.	There was no Treasurer's report	None
4. Walnut Hills Branch Public Library	Ashley Barnhill, Branch Manager, Walnut Hills Public Library presented. Branch reopened on October 20 th , and is over 22K sq ft of newly renovated space. Great programming is in place with story time for toddlers and pre-school on Tuesday mornings. Encouraging community engagement and to stop in. Parking questions were discussed.	None
5. Victory Parkway Rehabilitation Project	Reiner Reising and Joe Conway, Senior Engineers, presented. To finance bridge repairs, they were combined with safety improvements, and \$6M in funding has been secured with a \$3M local match for approximately \$9M total in funding. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026. Bridge approximately 90% of funding, with remainder going to pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements. Bridge components were not originally designed for the loads of modern trucks, creating expedited wear on the expansion joints, which need to be replaced and modified. Road component is from Martin Drive at the Krohn Conservatory to McMillan. Discussion ensued relating to Titanium Dioxide spray which absorbs CO2, bike lanes, and street light improvements. Input from the community is sought to shape the project to align with community initiatives. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalks, curb bump outs, raised crosswalks and added parking in Eden Park.	None
6. Events	<p>President Freeman reported. Trash walk was upcoming, please see bulletin for details. Meeting in front of Symposium at DeSales Plaza.</p> <p>Park Foundation has awarded a grant for 2023 music events in Owls Nest Park.</p> <p>The East Walnuts Hills Farmers Market Winterfest is December 10th from 2-7pm on Madison to Woodburn. Cookie Exchange from 3-4pm at Anjou and Cookie Decorating at Symposium from 2-5pm.</p>	None
7. Parking	Rick Boydston reported. Invitation to come to meetings. Lease expired on the Madison lot and the city wishes to limit permit parking. The City is arguing that the deed to Woodburn provides it only be used for public parking and not permit parking. Negotiations continue.	Unanimous Approval

8. Development / Community Garden	Drew Gores reported. Steven Dronan is no longer part of Kean Ventures, and Kennedy Hughes with Buckingham is now our main point of contact for the Woodburn Exchange project. Phase 1 of the Woodburn Exchange is ready to come online in February / March, with first residents moving in shortly thereafter. Pre-leasing has begun with hard-hat tours commencing in December of 2022. Shields from original Cincinnati Bell building have been put up on the facade of the buildings per original specifications. No updates on the commercial space tenant on the first floor. Woodburn properties have had zone change completed.	None
9. Airbnb Questions	Discussion ensued from Airbnb question from prior meeting. Links for more information available.	
10. Community Garden	Drew Gores reported. 18 garden boxes were creating with the intention for the garden to be operational by spring. Chain link fence waiting install.	
	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report and Flier, Treasurer's Report, Toy Drive

THE NEXT EWHA ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 1ST AT 7:00 P.M. This will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

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