

**EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 5, 2014 7:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introduction Minutes: Jan. 2014	President John McHugh welcomed everyone. Minutes were approved as written.	1 st : Matt Carle. 2 nd : Sue Fullen. Unanimous affirmative approval.
2. Guest Presenters	<p><u>Vanessa White</u> presented <i>Pre-School Promise</i>. The challenge is to be sure that every child is prepared for school. All were asked to sign a pledge showing support—that all 3 and 4 year olds have access to quality pre-school. This can be done through providing stipends and vouchers. Volunteers were invited to become <i>ambassadors</i>, for which there are trainings.</p> <p><u>Doug Hinger</u> of <i>Great Traditions Homes</i> described and illustrated proposed development on property at Cleinview and Pomona, renovating one historic home and building several others. Architecture and design is planned to be consistent with the values of the people in the neighborhood, LEED certified and market rate housing. Four variances are needed and were described in detail.</p>	That the EWHA support <i>Great Traditions Homes'</i> request for variances on the Cleinview/Pomona property to be developed. 1 st : Matt Carle; 2 nd : Joe Curry. Unanimous affirmative vote.
3. Finance Reports	Rae Vuic, EWH Assembly Treasurer, reported ending balance for February is \$10,449.60. This was the first month in which no membership dues were received. NSP and NBD funds have not yet been received but should come soon. Parking lot snow clearance has been very costly.	
4. Corresponding and Membership Secretary's Reports	No formal correspondence went out last month. Membership forms and letters are available on the table at the entrance	
5. Beautification	<p>Sue Fullen reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EWHA is now partnering with the Cincinnati Park Board and their "pots" program. Cost is \$200/pot, up to max of 20 pots. EWH has 20 pots which requires a total of \$4000 total/year. This covers three plantings—spring, summer, fall—and all maintenance including watering. Funds in the budget this year will cover \$3000 of the expense. To raise the additional funds EWHA is offering "pot adoptions" by businesses and families for \$200/each or a donation can be made for portion of a pot. • Volunteers are being sought to help with spring clean-up on the traffic islands • Marissa Burroughs of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and an EWH resident, reported on the Great American Clean-up in which EWH will participate on May 10, 10AM-1PM. Needed are volunteers and suggestions for areas to be attended to. Drinks, snacks and supplies will be 	.

	provided by KCB.	
6. Development	<p>Finalization of the <u>kiosk</u> coming to De Sales Corner is proceeding slowly.</p> <p><u>Taft/McMillan 2-way</u> discussion continues to remain between St. Ursula and the City. EWH has not taken a position on the proposal.</p> <p><u>Madison Road Parking Lot</u>: Rick Boydston reports that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city has mandated increased insurance for the operation of the lot; Arlene Anderson is working on this • At least three material needs are receiving attention: parking machines, signage, and drainage problems in the Woodburn lot. • The board adopted a policy for both the Madison and the Woodburn lots that abandoned vehicles may be towed after 30 days' notice and vehicles are presumed abandoned if not moved for 30 days. 	
7. DCDC Update: Dianne Marcus	<p>Freeman Durham reported in Dianne's absence. He reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mardi gras was a good experience for all • DCDC is introducing people to the Business District • DCDC has signed an agreement with the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation for them to build a social media presence for DCDC and assist with event planning and coordination • Catherine Fitzgerald will meet with the Business Group next month to outline the coaching process provided by the Duke Energy grant. <p>The CED application is in the City's hands; EWHA reps will meet with them in the Mayor's Office next week</p>	
8. De Sales Corner Business Group: Catherine Meguire	<p>Catherine reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the Mardi gras' success, the hope is that this will become an annual signature event • The recent winter's weather and how the snow was plowed created havoc and greatly decreased sales for the Woodburn businesses. It is our hope that by next year's bad weather, this will be designated as a snow emergency area, requiring autos to park elsewhere than on Woodburn (Madison to Locust on the east side; Chapel to Burdette on the west) • Next Walk on Woodburn is Friday, March 7 	
9. New business	<p>John McHugh reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many in Walnut Hills/EWH are expressing concern over a purported closing of the Walnut Hills Branch Post Office. Concerned residents are urged to write or speak to their Congressperson. • <i>Go Vibrant</i> is a program which designs walking tours of interesting and historic neighborhoods. Their service is free, due to a grant from the Haile Foundation, and they are 	<p>The EWHA support the opportunity offered by <i>Go Vibrant</i>: 1st: Valerie Daley; 2nd: Mark Nelson.</p>

	<p>offering their services to EWH. However, they need neighborhood volunteers to assist in identifying and developing routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another volunteer opportunity is that of serving on the EWHA Board. Open is the position of Recording Secretary. Please let us know by the end of the month of your willingness to be nominated. <p>Ann Sesler and Margie Waller presented the possibility of a <i>Summer Streets</i> experience for WH/EWH/Evanston. E. McMillan—Woodburn from May Street to 5 Points/Evanston would be closed to vehicular traffic to make space for human activity such as biking, walking, shopping, skating, etc., 9 AM –2 PM on Saturday, July 19. Committee will work with the businesses involved.</p> <p>Jessica Thayer and Jocelyn Coulter announced the Pottery Fair, May 3, 11 AM—5 PM, to be held in 2 blocks of Woodburn (Madison to Clayton). The event, held here for the 5th year, is sponsored by The Clay Alliance. Postcards and posters are available and volunteers are needed.</p>	<p>Unanimous affirmative vote.</p> <p>Support The <i>Summer Streets</i> Project for our community in July, 2014. 1st: Chris Davis; 2nd: Kate Walker. Unanimous affirmative vote.</p>
10. Adjourn		1 st : Joe Curry; 2 nd : Sally Sherman; Unanimous affirmative vote.

Recorded by: Sally Sherman, RSM
Recording Secretary

Next Assembly Meeting:

Next Board Meeting:

Next De Sales Corner Bus. Mtg.

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 De Sales Crossings Center

Wednesday, March 26, 2013, 7:00 PM, Mercy Neighborhood Ministries

Monday, April 7, 2014, noon, Brew house