

**EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	President Tony Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.	
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Captain Jones presented the crime statistics for EWH for August 2020. Overall, the East Walnut Hills community has had excellent crime stats year to date. He reported that the police have had their challenges with COVID and the civil unrest that took the police “off the streets”. The police are getting back on track with a violence reduction strategy to deal with the serious uptick in violence that has taken place throughout the city. Assembly members requested that the police give attention to the WH Taft, in general, and to Taft and Hackberry intersection, in particular, to reduce speeding and wrecks. In response to a question about the slowdown in towing junk cars, the Captain said that there had been an issue with capacity at the impound lot that has been addressed.	None
2. Update on Hamilton County Common Pleas Court	Judge Tom Beridon reported that the Court has restarted jury trials with new COVID safety procedures in place. As an example, if you are called to jury duty, you will not be required to report to the courthouse and sit around waiting to find out if you are assigned to a jury. The Judge stressed that it is safe to come testify.	None
3. Walnut Hills Public Library	Ashley Barnhill, manager of the Walnut Hills branch of the Public Library, reported that the Walnut Hills location is open, while limiting the public to 8 people at a time and limiting a visit to one hour for each person. There are no overdue fines for the rest of 2020. The library has a new website. The renovation and expansion of the Walnut Hills branch is scheduled to start at the end of 2020. The branch is expanding from 5000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft.	None
4. Approval of March 2020 Monthly Minutes & the July 2020 Annual Minutes	Tony asked if there were any revisions to the July 1, 2020 Annual Minutes. There being no revisions, the Annual Minutes were deemed approved as posted on the EWHHA website. He asked if there were any revisions to the March 4, 2020 Monthly Minutes. There being none, he deemed them approved as posted.	None
5. Treasurer's Report	Freeman Durham submitted a Treasurer’s Report that included a yearly budget report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year ending 7/1/20 and a monthly report for July 2020. For the fiscal year there was revenue of \$95,00 and expenses of \$85,000 for a net surplus for the year of more than \$10,000. Both revenues and expenses were under budget because the EWHHA did not seek a proposed \$50,000 NBDIP grant because of the COVID interruptions. For July 2020, revenues are down due to the continuing reduction in parking lot revenues due to COVID. July expenses are related to parking lot and social media expenses, including the expense of placing the proxy on the EWHHA website to allow for the Annual Meeting Trustee vote online. There was a \$3200 net loss for July 2020.	None
6. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson reported. Current hours for the Center are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The weight room and the gym are open for use for a one-hour slot. You must reserve your time and your temperature will be taken when you arrive. The Center is passing out meals for the kids in the neighborhood.	None

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7. Beautification Committee Report	Sue Fullen reported that there was a traffic accident at the Victory/Madison traffic island. The gateway sign to the neighborhood was damaged and has been removed. It will be fixed or replaced. There has been no City maintenance for the flower pots this spring, summer. However, a group of community volunteers having been watering and maintaining the pots.	None
8. Development Committee Report.	Drew Gores reported. (1) The Rainbow Building has one tenant, a dentist who will be occupying 3 of the 5 bays in the building. A strong retail tenant has been identified and a lease is being drafted for the tenant to take the 4th bay. (2) There is a developer who is looking to develop the property on the south side of Francis Lane, abutting Kemper Lane, by building market-rate apartments. The developer is likely to make an appearance at a future Assembly meeting to discuss the development. The proposed development will not be blocking the views of the properties above the development. (3) The Anthem site, being redeveloped as the Woodburn Exchange, is finally underway. COVID slowed down the permitting process at the City. (4) Terry Nau from Talbert House had contacted the Mayor's office via email and included Drew in the email conversation. Terry was requesting assistance for ongoing problems with the properties next to the Talbert House office that are currently vacant. People are gathering, making a mess of the area and dealing drugs from cars parked along the curb in front of the vacant buildings. People are crossing the street in mid-block, risking being hit by a car. Terry and the Mayor's office are in discussion about a number of ideas on how to tackle these problems. Assembly attendees identified the new owner of the properties as LAUCK, which owns a number of other properties in the neighborhood. Attendees also suggested eliminating parking along the curb and moving the barricades further out.	None
9.. Report re Funding of Streetscape in the City's Budget	Upon a question being asked about the City voting to reallocate the \$1 million in the City's current budget from the EWH 2-way street conversion project to fund the Kroger site in Walnut Hills instead, Tony reported that the City's Budget and Finance Committee had voted on Monday August 30 to 'repurpose' the \$1 million EWH 2-way street conversion funds to the Kroger site. Council affirmed that vote at the City Council meeting on Wednesday. He also reported that a number of members of City Council have committed to finding a source for replacing the \$1 million in the next budget cycle and a motion to do that was introduced at the Budget and Finance meeting. Tony said that the EWH Board will continue to engage the City Council on finding future funding to replace the \$1 million.	None
10. Events Committee	Christine Johnson reported. (1) The next Trash Walk is September 6 at 9 a.m., starting at the Parkside in WH. (2) The Events Committee has been contacted by the Know Theatre about using the Madison lot to put on an - as yet to be identified - show in the Madison lot. Know staff will also have a table set up to register voters. The Madison lot is one of a number of locations in the city where the show will be performed. The Know will be taking appropriate social distancing measures and masks are expected to be used by the audience.	None
11. Infrastructure Committee Report	Deb Dereshkevich reported that the committee is still looking at the residential parking program. She also conducted an informal survey on Nextdoor regarding what community members would like to see in the neighborhood. Responses to the survey included the following: a dog park, pocket parks, bike lanes, a farmer's market and/or a grocery store. Deb said the committee was looking for volunteers to be on the committee and asked them to please use the Contact link on the EWH website to volunteer.	None

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12. Parking Committee Report	Rick Boydston reported. Passport, the new digital 30-day parking permit app is up and running. Information can be found on the EWAH website here: https://eastwalnuthills.rmcpay.com/#account_start . Monthly parking permits are down to 15 from about 20, probably due to the decline of parking on the streets due to the impact of COVID on the retail tenants in the business district. The next to last UC Health monthly parking payment for the Madison lot has been received; the contract with UC Health has been terminated.	None
13. Misc.	(1) Jason Franz reported that Manifest Gallery will be celebrating the start of its 17 th season, launching on September 25. (2) Kisha Asubuhi reported that Orginalitees on Woodburn has been open for two months on September 3. (3) Field of Dreams will take place at Ashland Park in WH on September 19.	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the Assembly meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.	None

Submitted by Drew Gores, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police Department Crime Statistics, Treasurer's Report

The next EWAH Board meeting will take place September 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The next monthly EWAH Assembly Meeting will take place October 7, 2020 t 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA

September 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Call

1. Welcome *Tony Fischer*
 2. Approval of Minutes from July 1, 2020 Annual Meeting
 3. Presentations by Visitors
 - a. *Rev. Gene Contadino*, Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church
 - b. *Tom Beridon*, Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas
 - c. *Ashley Barnhill*, Manager, Walnut Hills Branch Library
 4. Treasurer's Report *Freeman Durham*
 5. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*
 6. Other Business
- Adjournment

The next Assembly will be held on the 1st Wednesday in October

October 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm

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EAST WALNUT HILLS COMMUNITY

CRIME STATISTICS September 2020

BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING

INCIDENT_NO	DATE_REPORTED	ADDRESS	OFFENSE
209017734	8/12/2020 9:45	1883 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD	Burglary

THEFT FROM AUTO

INCIDENT_NO	DATE_REPORTED	ADDRESS	OFFENSE
209017210	8/6/2020 14:16	1601 MADISON RD	TFA
209017944	8/14/2020 6:43	1407 E MCMILLAN ST	TFA
209018237	8/17/2020 7:43	2545 INGLESIDE AV	TFA

THEFT

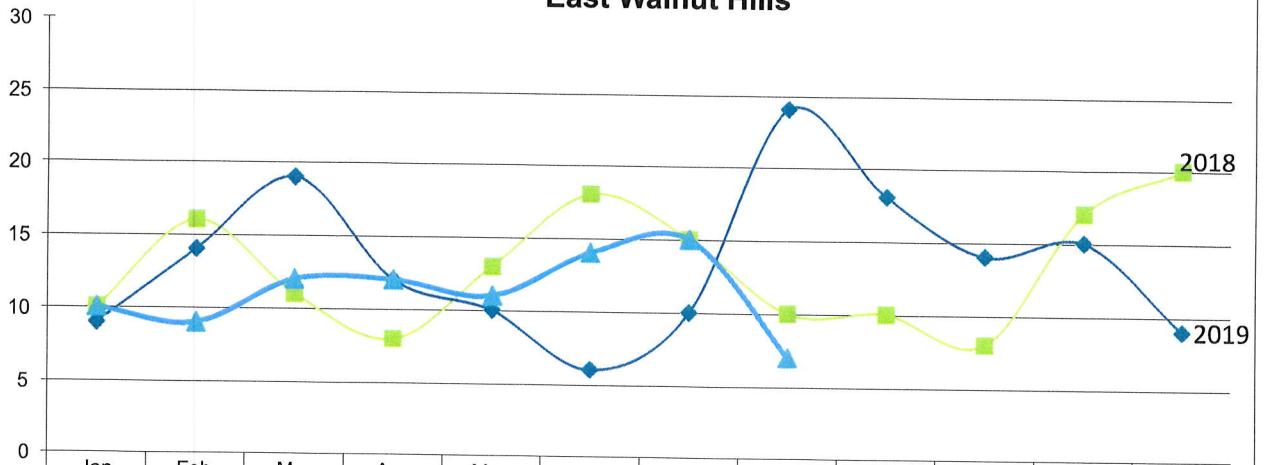
INCIDENT_NO	DATE_REPORTED	ADDRESS	OFFENSE
209016831	8/2/2020 12:38	1027 TAFT ROAD LN	Theft

OTHER CRIMES

Row Labels	Count of OFFENSE
Assault	1
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	2
Domestic Violence	2
Gross Sexual Imposition	1
Improperly Discharging Firearm at/into Habitation/School	2
Taking the Identity of Another	1
Grand Total	9

East Walnut Hills

NUMBER OF OFFENSE



MONTH

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	10	16	11	8	13	18	15	10	10	8	17	20
2019	9	14	19	12	10	6	10	24	18	14	15	9
2020	10	9	12	12	11	14	15	7				

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Budget Year Report
7/1/2019 -- 6/30/2020

Category	Annual Budget	Actual
	7/1/2019 6/30/2020	7/1/2019 6/30/2020
INCOME		
Membership Dues	10,250.00	9,685.00
Grants	60,500.00	10,280.00
Other Contributions	1,200.00	1,250.00
Parking Revenue	81,000.00	73,823.56
Event Income	1,000.00	430.00
Sales	500.00	24.00
Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	154,450.00	95,492.56
EXPENSES		
Outreach	13,125.00	8,581.13
Administration	1,734.00	2,852.69
Business Association	9,605.00	4,523.65
Beautification	8,600.00	7,450.30
Event Committee	6,650.00	4,150.04
Woodburn Parking Lot	34,220.00	20,880.62
Madison Parking Lot	106,100.00	36,222.95
Contingency	5,000.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	185,034.00	84,661.38
OVERALL TOTAL	-30,584.00	10,831.18

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	Net Change
Operating Account	13,550.04	11,800.48	-1,749.56
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	24,485.19	37,846.75	13,361.56
Woodburn Lot Acct	14,739.54	13,751.37	-988.17
Business Association Acct	345.11	541.11	196.00
Business Association PayPal	0.62	11.97	11.35
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	53,120.50	63,951.68	10,831.18

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Monthly Report

7/1/2020 -- 7/31/2020

Category	Annual Budget	Actual
	7/1/2020 6/30/2021	7/1/2020 7/31/2020
INCOME		
Membership Dues	9,700.00	80.00
Grants	700.00	0.00
Other Contributions	0.00	0.00
Parking Revenue	60,000.00	2,461.55
Event Income	100.00	0.00
Sales	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	70,500.00	2,541.55
EXPENSES		
Outreach	9,300.00	582.50
Administration	2,739.00	2.92
Business Association	2,441.00	0.00
Beautification	7,000.00	0.00
Event Committee	2,250.00	0.00
Woodburn Parking Lot	26,500.00	1,606.66
Madison Parking Lot	45,650.00	3,497.19
TOTAL EXPENSES	95,880.00	5,689.27
OVERALL TOTAL	-25,380.00	-3,147.72

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

	6/30/2020	7/31/2020	Net Change
Operating Account	11,800.48	11,295.06	-505.42
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	37,846.75	36,319.61	-1,527.14
Woodburn Lot Acct	13,751.37	12,636.21	-1,115.16
Business Association Acct	541.11	541.11	0.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	63,951.68	60,803.96	-3,147.72

July
2020