

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Vote |
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| Welcome | President Tony Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting online and via telephone. | |
| 1. Approval of August 27, 2020 Special Mtg Minutes and Sept 2, 2020 Monthly Mtg Minutes | Tony asked if there were any revisions to the August 27, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes or the September 2, 2020 Monthly Minutes. Rae Vuic, former EWH Board member, stated that the Special Meeting Minutes weren't transparent and were inaccurate. A discussion among attendees ensued about what should be included in the Minutes. In order to move on to other matters to be discussed at the meeting, it was agreed that the Special Meeting Minutes were deemed approved as posted on the website; however, Rae was invited to submit her concerns, disagreement with the language of the Special Minutes in written form to Tony. Her submitted written comments will be filed directly following the Special Minutes in the records of the Assembly and online on the website. There being no discussion about the September Monthly Minutes, those Minutes were also deemed approved as posted on the website. | None |
| 2. Cincinnati Police Report | Captain Jones presented the crime statistics for EWH for September 2020. The EWH crime stats are the best they have been in 4 years. With the weather cooling off, citywide violent crimes are starting to go down; other crimes, such as burglary and property crimes, have decreased during COVID. The Captain reported on a purchase of drugs that took place at an apartment on Ingleside that resulted in an overdose death and abuse of corpse charges due to removal of the body from inside the apartment to outside. Other charges related to the death and drugs have been filed. Officer Locke has contacted the owner of the building to discuss evicting the lessee of the apartment. Ed Pfetzing reported about more cars that should be towed. The Captain took notes of the cars and said that there had been an issue with capacity at the impound lot that had been addressed. | None |
| 3. Treasurer's Report 1620 DeSales Lane | Freeman Durham submitted a Treasurer's Report that included a monthly report for August 2020 and 'year to date' numbers. The August expenses exceeded revenues by \$146. Administrative costs of \$1022 covered a transfer to DeSales Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (DCDC) so DCDC can purchase the lot at 1620 DeSales Lane that is to be used for community composting and gardens. The City has approved a grant for \$1000 for the purchase of the lot; when that money is dispersed the EWH will be reimbursed. Tony added that Rebecca Lieberman has volunteered to take the lead on organizing the composting and gardens. | None |
| 4. Two-Way Street Conversion Update | Deb Dereskevich, co-chair of the Stakeholder Committee with Rae, reported that City Council approved using \$2 million in EWH TIF funds to pay for the two-way street conversion and the streetscape project. The next Stakeholder Committee meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to review DOTE's 60% design plans. | None |
| 5. Beautification Committee Report | Sue Fullen reported that the gateway sign in the traffic island at Victory and Madison, that was hit by a car, is being replaced. The Committee volunteers continue to water the pots in the business district and will continue to do so as needed until next spring. Committee volunteers will be replanting the pots and the kiosk on October 19 with new plants provided by the City. | None |
| 6. Development Committee Report. | Drew Gores reported. (1) The Rainbow Building has one tenant, a dentist who is expected to move into 3 of the 5 bays in December. A strong retail tenant for the 4 th bay has been identified and the lease is being negotiated (2) A potential purchaser of 2710 Woodburn, the vacant building next to the Shulhoff parking lot which is owned by the Port Authority, withdrew its offer. New prospects are being vetted. (3) Drew has not spoken recently with Terry Nau from Talbert House about the two properties next to the Talbert House office that were becoming nuisance properties. However, cars are no longer parking in front of the properties and the selling of drugs from the parked cars seems to have stopped. There are few people congregating. (4) Tony and Drew reported that there has been sales activity on the 'Mactone' properties situated on the | None |

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| | east side of Woodburn, north of St Francis De Sales church (including an abutting property). One purchaser may be buying most of the properties. The Committee will continue to monitor. | |
| 7. Events Committee | Christine Johnson reported on “Super Saturday” on October 3: the monthly Trash Walk took place at 9:00 a.m. starting at Cafe De Sales; at 4:00 p.m. members of the Cincinnati Symphony performed the Brahms G Major sextet for strings in Annwood Park; and at 6:30 p.m. the Know Theatre brought a pickup truck to the Madison lot and performed a traveling show based on the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, famous civil right activist. The next monthly Trash Walk will take place on November 7, starting at the Evanston Recreation Center. | None |
| 8. Infrastructure Committee Report | Deb Dereshkevich reported that the Committee is planning to submit the following for funding through the City’s Community Budget Request program: (1) A pocket park on Cleinview; (2) Paint the Streets – the visuals will slow speeding; and (3) Funding for wayfinding signs to the EWH business district. Two other ideas the Committee is working on are a farmer’s market and more bike lanes. | None |
| 9. Parking Committee Report | Rick Boydston reported. Monthly Committee meetings have resumed. The staff we used to work with at Star Parking has been laid off. Star has reduced its patrolling of the lots and, because of that, their monthly fee to EWHA has been reduced. Passport, the new digital 30-day parking permit app, is up and running. Monthly parking permits have increased to over 30 permits. The last UC Health monthly parking payment for the Madison lot was received in late September. | None |
| 10. St Francis de Sales Mural | Father Gene Contadino reported that the mural started as a school project about five years ago. The school need to “look like a school, not like a jail”. He reached out to Art Works who created the mural. Father Gene then stated that the completed mural is a gift from St Francis de Sales Church to the neighborhood. Drew then reported that Father Gene had recently retired, that he will be missed, and that a lovely profile of him in the <i>Catholic Telegraph</i> is posted on EWHA Facebook page. | None |
| 11. Judge Melba Marsh | Judge Marsh reported that she is a resident of EWH and attends Assembly meeting from time to time. She told attendees a bit about her background and took questions. | None |
| 12. Other Business | (1) Tony reported that John McHugh, former president of EWHA, is returning to the Board to fill a vacancy. John stated that he was glad to back. Tony also reported that Valerie Daley had stepped down as Vice President (she is staying on the Board) and Adam Rockel has been appointed the new VP. Adam spoke: he’s honored to be the new VP and added that he works in local development for a non-profit organization in northern Kentucky. (2) Sister Sally said “hi” to everyone and said that the Sisters of Mercy have a lot going on. (3) Valerie Daley reminded everyone that the EWH businesses are going through hard times and encouraged everyone to support the EWH businesses. | None |
| Adjournment | There being no other business, the Assembly meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. | |

Submitted by Drew Gores. Secretary

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

The next EWHA Board meeting will take place October 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The next monthly EWHA Assembly Meeting will take place November 4, 2020 t 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA

October 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Call

1. Welcome *Tony Fischer*
 2. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2020 Special Meeting & September 2, 2020 Assembly Meeting
 3. City Department Presentations
 - a. Cincinnati Fire Department
 - b. Cincinnati Police Department
 - c. Cincinnati Recreation Commission
 4. Treasurer's Report *Freeman Durham*
 5. Two-Way Project Update *Deb Dereskevich*
 6. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*
 7. Presentations by Visitors
 - a. *Rev. Gene Contadino*, Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church
 - b. *Melba Marsh*, Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas candidate
 8. Other Business
- Adjournment

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

November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm

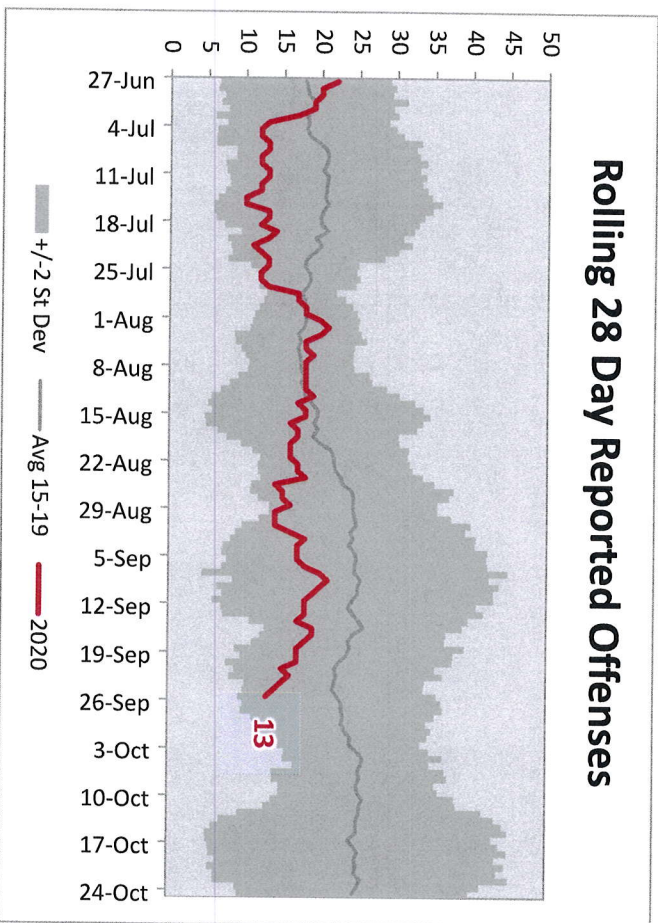
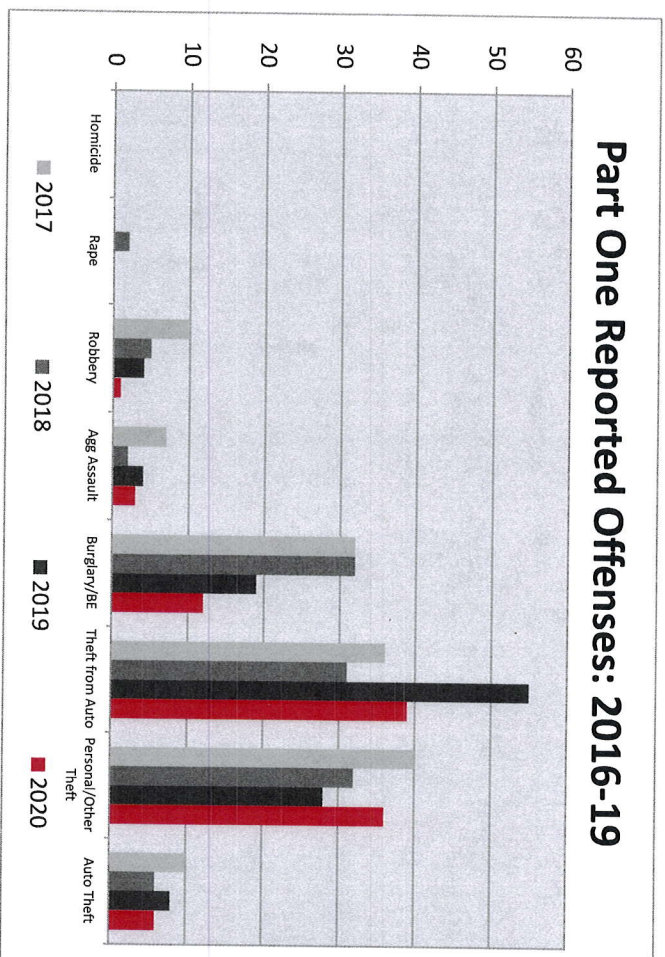
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East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

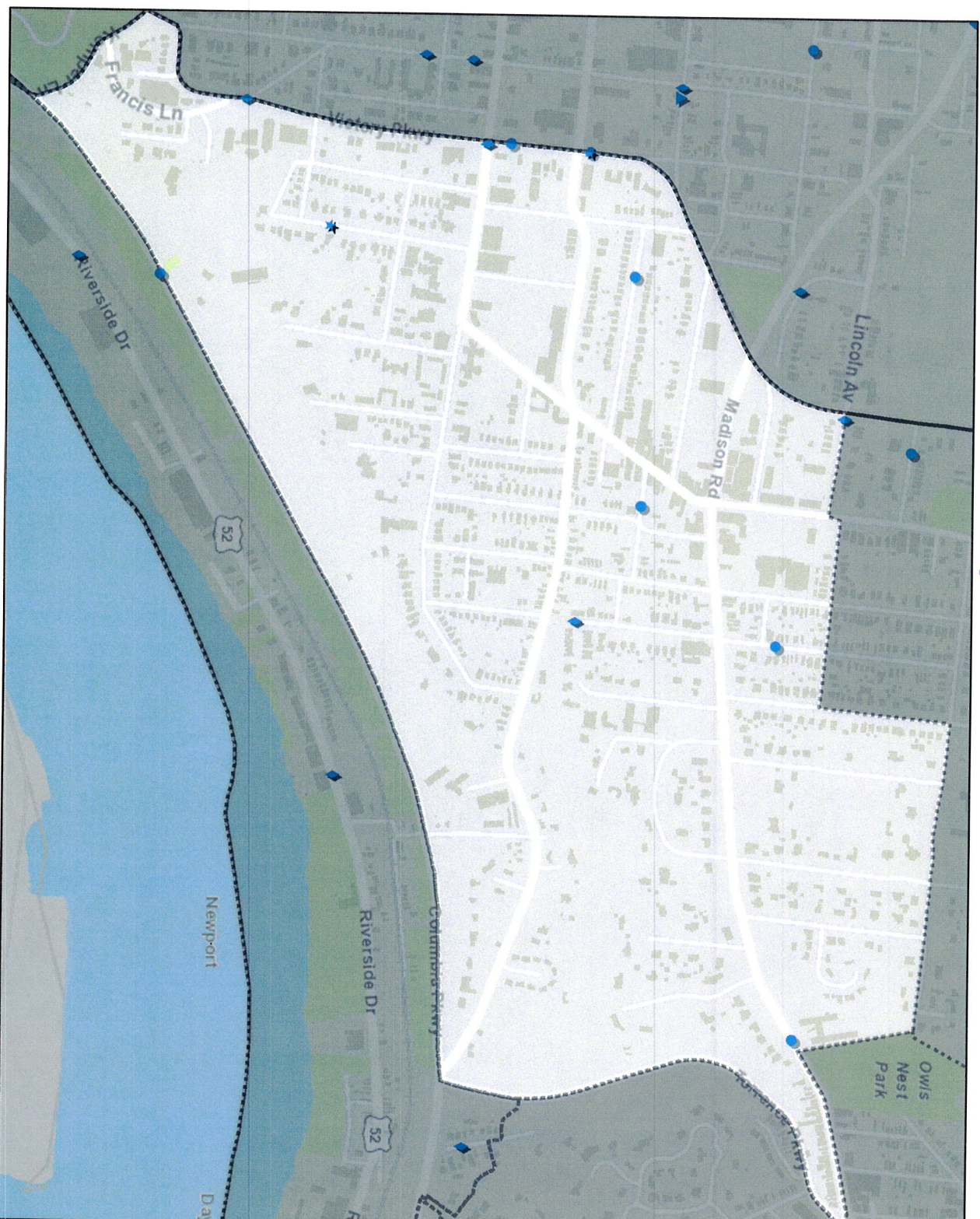
| East Walnut Hills | | Year-to-Date: 26-Sep | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------|-------------|------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Part 1 Crime | 2017 2018 2019 | | | Avg: 2017-9 | 2020 | % Change: Avg / 20 | % Change: 2019 / 2020 |
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | | | |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | N/C | N/C |
| Rape | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.7 | 0 | ↓ 0.7 | N/C |
| Robbery | 10 | 5 | 4 | 6.3 | 1 | -84.2% | -75.0% |
| Agg Assault | 7 | 2 | 4 | 4.3 | 3 | -30.8% | -25.0% |
| Total P1 Violent Crime | 17 | 9 | 8 | 11.3 | 4 | -64.7% | -50.0% |
| Burglary/BE | 32 | 32 | 19 | 27.7 | 12 | -56.6% | -36.8% |
| Theft from Auto | 36 | 31 | 55 | 40.7 | 39 | -4.1% | -29.1% |
| Personal/Other Theft | 40 | 32 | 28 | 33.3 | 36 | 8.0% | 28.6% |
| Auto Theft | 10 | 6 | 8 | 8.0 | 6 | -25.0% | -25.0% |
| Total P1 Property Crime | 118 | 101 | 110 | 109.7 | 93 | -15.2% | -15.5% |
| Total P1 Crime | 135 | 110 | 118 | 121.0 | 97 | -19.8% | -17.8% |

| East Walnut Hills | | Rolling 28 ending: 9/26/2020 | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Part 1 Crime | Period 4 06/07/20 - 07/04/20 | | Period 3 07/05/20 - 08/01/20 | Period 2 08/02/20 - 08/29/20 | Period 1 08/30/20 - 9/26/20 | % Change: P3-P1 P2-P1 | |
| | 06/07/20 - 07/04/20 | 07/05/20 - 08/01/20 | 08/02/20 - 08/29/20 | 08/30/20 - 9/26/20 | | | |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C | N/C |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C | N/C |
| Robbery | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 1 | N/C |
| Agg Assault | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 1 | N/C |
| Total P1 Violent Crime | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 2 | N/C |
| Burglary/BE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 1 | ↓ 1 |
| Theft from Auto | 3 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | -66.7% | N/C |
| Personal/Other Theft | 4 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 4 | -42.9% | ↑ 4 |
| Auto Theft | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C | N/C |
| Total P1 Property Crime | 9 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 7 | -58.8% | 75.0% |
| Total P1 Crime | 10 | 19 | 4 | 7 | 7 | -63.2% | 75.0% |

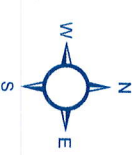


EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

*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



EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY

Monthly Report

8/1/2020 -- 8/31/2020

| Category | Annual Budget 7/1/2020 6/30/2021 | Month 8/1/2020 8/31/2020 | Year to Date 7/1/2020 8/31/2020 |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| INCOME | | | |
| Membership Dues | 9,700.00 | 100.00 | 180.00 |
| Grants | 8,687.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Contributions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Parking Revenue | 60,000.00 | 3,245.55 | 5,707.10 |
| Event Income | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sales | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 78,487.00 | 3,345.55 | 5,887.10 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Outreach | 9,300.00 | 989.00 | 1,571.50 |
| Administration | 2,739.00 | 1,046.76 | 1,049.68 |
| Business Association | 2,441.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Beautification | 7,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Event Committee | 2,250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Woodburn Parking Lot | 26,500.00 | 297.55 | 1,904.21 |
| Madison Parking Lot | 45,650.00 | 1,158.50 | 4,655.69 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 95,880.00 | 3,491.81 | 9,181.08 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | -17,393.00 | -146.26 | -3,293.98 |

BALANCE SHEET (Month)

| | 7/31/2020 | 8/31/2020 | Net Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Operating Account | 11,295.06 | 9,359.30 | -1,935.76 |
| Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted) | 36,319.61 | 37,997.16 | 1,677.55 |
| Woodburn Lot Acct | 12,636.21 | 12,748.16 | 111.95 |
| 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 | 60,803.96 | 60,657.70 | -146.26 |

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

| | 6/30/2020 | 8/31/2020 | Net Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Operating Account | 11,800.48 | 9,359.30 | -2,441.18 |
| Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted) | 37,846.75 | 37,997.16 | 150.41 |
| Woodburn Lot Acct | 13,751.37 | 12,748.16 | -1,003.21 |
| 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 | 60,657.70 | -3,293.98 |