

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA

May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Welcome *Freeman Durham*

2. Introduction of Board Candidates

Current Trustee nominated for election to second three-year term

- Vince Accorinti

Proposed new Trustees nominated for election to three-year terms

- Julie Crow
- Chris Davis
- Philip Gotfelty
- Kimberly Jacobs
- Brandi Yoder

Current Trustee nominated for election to one-year term (vacancy)

- Ryan Crane

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

1. City Department Presentations

a. Cincinnati Fire Department

b. Cincinnati Police Department

c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC

Officer Perry Locke

Center Coordinator Vanessa Henderson

2. Approval of Minutes from the Assembly Meeting on March 1, 2023 and April 4, 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

June 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 7:00 PM In-Person & on Zoom**

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Vote |
|---------------------------|--|------|
| Welcome | Freeman Durham, President of the EWHA Board, called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Approximately 26 people attended the meeting in person, and another 13 attended the meeting on Zoom. | None |
| Introduction of Nominees | <p>Freeman Durham reviewed the list of nominees for election to the Board.</p> <p><i>Current Trustee nominated for re-election to a three-year term:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vince Accorinti</i> <p><i>Proposed new Trustees nominated for election to a three-year terms:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Julie Crow, Chris Davis, Philip Gotfelty, Kimberly Jacobs, and Brandi Yoder</i> <p><i>Current Trustee appointed by board to vacancy nominated for election to continue for remaining year of term:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ryan Crane</i> <p>The nominees present introduced themselves. Freeman gave a brief background for those nominees not present.</p> | None |
| Election of Board Members | Upon motion and second, the slate of nominees was approved as presented. | Yes |
| Adjournment | There being no other business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m. | |

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

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| Welcome | Following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, Freeman Durham, President of the EWHA Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. Approximately 26 people attended the meeting in person, and another 13 attended the meeting on Zoom. | None |
| 1. Cincinnati Police Report | Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for April 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted 3 Auto, 3 Personal Thefts, with numbers being down. Police department numbers are also down with 2 retirements, and 8 retirements coming, and only 2 new recruits. Reminder for flying pig coming up and to plan ahead. Police are currently ~200 people short. Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov ; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470 | None |
| 2. Bush Recreation Center Report | President Freeman presented. Bush Recreation Center activities and schedules posted and sent out prior to the meeting. | None |
| 3. March/April Minutes | March & April Minutes submitted. There being no revisions put forth, the minutes as submitted were approved. | YES |
| 4. Treasurer's Report. | Vince Accorinti presented. The finance report was posted on the website prior to the meeting. \$3750 transaction related to NBDSF grant program for Business District. Accepted and transferred to the Business Association operating account. Entering final quarter of fiscal year, with events and beautification expenses to pick up as expected. The large transfer of funds from the Madison lot account to the Woodburn lot account represents a periodic reconciliation of parking revenues. | None |
| 6. Communications | Mark Niehaus presented. You can use the contact link to sign up for email newsletter. | NONE |
| 6. Events | Christine Johnson & Marye Ward presented. Looking for volunteers, both for the day of the event and everyday, help sending emails, getting posters printed, passing out flyers to area businesses, general awareness, and signup sheets. May 6 th Trash Walk, Evanston focus, starting at Evanston Recreation Center, hosting Madeira 8 th Graders The upcoming events for our community are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, May 6th, Clay Alliance Pottery Fair, 10-4pm; • Saturday May 13th, CSO Popup String Performance, 1-4pm, Owls Nest Park, Mother's Day performance; • Saturday, June 24th, Gospel Fest "Praise in the Park," Hoffman Field off Woodburn; • Saturday July 15th, JamFest, Full Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Push Play, 4-10pm; • Saturday, September 2nd, Evanston Fest, Evanston Playground off Dana, Cincinnati Music Accelerator; | None |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, October 7th, Community Jazzfest, with "Mombocombo," Owls Nest Park. <p>Applying for grants to be used in Owls Nest Park, looking for new and interesting events to bring to the community space. Please fill out Owl's Nest Community Engagement Survey.</p> | |
| 7. Farmer's Market | <p>Deb Dereshkevich presented. There are currently 25 vendors signed up for the East Walnut Hills Farmers Market. The market will run from the last Friday in May through October ending with Octoberfest. There will be lots of activities for all ages. With raffles, musicians, and weekly grocery shopping, the market is the perfect place for weekly grocery shopping. Looking for volunteers, setting up, breaking down, willing and able. Please give input on activities and thing to make it fun, music, and entertainment etc.</p> | None |
| 10. Parking | <p>Rick Boydston presented. Monthly meeting is held in Hey Dey building at 530pm the same day as the Assembly meeting. The community has two parking lots, Woodburn (~40 spots) and Madison (~80 spots); Current lease with city has expired and negotiation continues, as the city wishes to restrict monthly parking. The parking committee would like to ensure monthly parking is only limited when transient parking is full. The city has come back with a new proposal, proposing a monthly minimum of 35 monthly parking spots for monthly parkers. There's a transition to new payment method, kiosk, and mobile app, with more information to come. Lease agreement also seeks to address issues for alternate uses of the Madison lot such as pottery fairs and the EWH Farmer's Market.</p> | |
| 11. Development | <p>Drew Gores presented. April 25th Community Engagement for Owl's Nest Park, occurred, with Parks Department, Parks Foundation, and Cincinnati Recreation Commission. No information from survey has been made available. They are seeking to broaden scope of survey to include the entire park. There has been no insight into the design presented yet. Please take the survey, as information gathering continues and your voice is important. Contact link on website is an important means of reaching the committee and Board. Hoffman School had planning conference and information gathering session, with Planning then going to Historic Conservation Board. Cincinnati Preservation Association had submitted the historic local landmark designation. This designation will protect the building and create negotiating leverage for the greenspace. Monday May 8th, this goes in front of the Planning Commission. No update on Woodburn Exchange retail space. Rusk opened up, very crowded, great space, serving food and drink with an exterior upstairs space. Former Branch building is for sale. Community Garden by DCDC has a soft opening of May 8th. Discussion ensued regarding Woodburn Exchange signage and lighting. Caroline Kellum was mentioned, and approval for variance for signage was mentioned. Woodburn properties are still owned by Vision & Beyond</p> | |
| Adjournment | <p>There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.</p> | |
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Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, March & April Assembly Minutes, Proposed Slate of Board Trustees, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report and Flier, Cincinnati Parks Foundation Owls Nest Park Meeting Flier, and April Treasurer's Report.

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY

**Monthly Report
3/1/2023 - 3/31/2023**

| Category | Annual Budget | Month | Year to Date |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 7/1/2022 6/30/2023 | 3/1/2023 3/31/2023 | 7/1/2022 3/31/2023 |
| INCOME | | | |
| Membership Dues | 9,750.00 | 672.78 | 9,172.78 |
| Grants | 18,361.00 | 3,750.00 | 9,850.00 |
| Other Contributions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 470.00 |
| Parking Revenue | 87,250.00 | 11,167.84 | 76,579.71 |
| 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 | 15,590.62 | 96,277.49 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Outreach | 9,800.00 | 450.00 | 7,332.29 |
| Administration | 1,190.00 | 30.55 | 646.14 |
| Business Association | 12,350.00 | 800.00 | 8,963.00 |
| Beautification | 16,640.00 | 723.94 | 6,261.32 |
| Event Committee | 6,850.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Woodburn Parking Lot | 36,506.00 | 4,214.27 | 28,485.77 |
| Madison Parking Lot | 44,839.00 | 7,365.29 | 37,524.52 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 128,175.00 | 13,584.05 | 89,213.04 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | -12,614.00 | 2,006.57 | 7,064.45 |

BALANCE SHEET (Month)

| | 2/28/2023 | 3/31/2023 | Net Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Account | 21,906.05 | 21,101.56 | -804.49 |
| Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted) | 13,405.59 | 2,237.32 | -11,168.27 |
| Woodburn Lot Acct | 25,944.97 | 36,701.52 | 10,756.55 |
| Business Association Acct | 1,319.11 | 4,541.89 | 3,222.78 |
| Business Association PayPal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Advance to DCDC | 42.00 | 42.00 | 0.00 |
| Hello Honey Promissory Note | 27,980.00 | 27,980.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS | 90,597.72 | 92,604.29 | 2,006.57 |

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

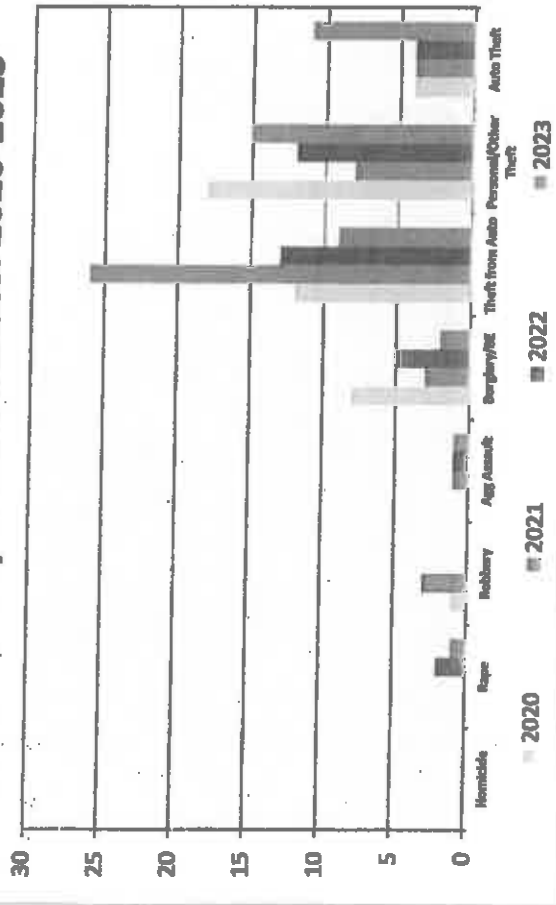
| | 6/30/2022 | 3/31/2023 | Net Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Account | 21,739.31 | 21,101.56 | -637.75 |
| Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted) | 11,875.52 | 2,237.32 | -9,638.20 |
| Woodburn Lot Acct | 16,493.90 | 36,701.52 | 20,207.62 |
| Business Association Acct | 5,389.11 | 4,541.89 | -847.22 |
| Business Association PayPal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Advance to DCDC | 42.00 | 42.00 | 0.00 |
| Hello Honey Promissory Note | 30,000.00 | 27,980.00 | -2,020.00 |
| TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS | 85,539.84 | 92,604.29 | 7,064.45 |

East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

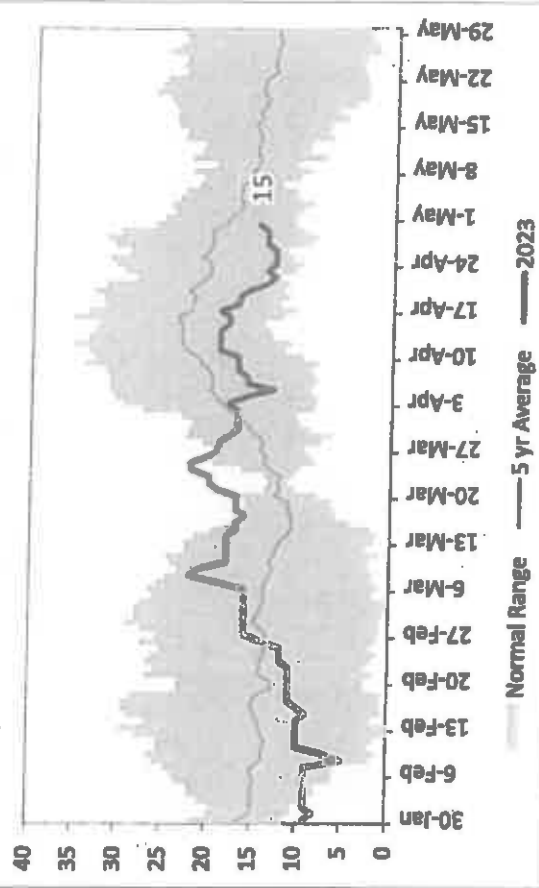
| East Walnut Hills | Year-to-Date: 1-May | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|--------------|------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Avg: 2020-22 | 2023 | % Change: Avg / 23 | % Change: 2022 / 2023 |
| Part 1 Crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | N/C | N/C |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | N/C | N/C |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.7 | 1 | 50.0% | -50.0% |
| Robbery | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1.3 | 0 | ↓ 1.3 | N/C |
| Agg Assault | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.7 | 1 | 50.0% | N/C |
| Total P1 Violent Crime | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2.7 | 2 | -25.0% | -33.3% |
| Burglary/BE | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5.3 | 2 | -62.5% | -60.0% |
| Theft from Auto | 12 | 26 | 13 | 17.0 | 9 | -47.1% | -30.8% |
| Personal/Other Theft | 18 | 8 | 12 | 12.7 | 15 | 18.4% | 25.0% |
| Auto Theft | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4.0 | 11 | 175.0% | 175.0% |
| Total P1 Property Crime | 42 | 41 | 34 | 39.0 | 37 | -5.1% | 8.8% |
| Total P1 Crime | 43 | 45 | 37 | 41.7 | 39 | -6.4% | 5.4% |

| East Walnut Hills | Rolling 28 ending: 5/1/2023 | | | | | % Change: P2-P1 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Period 4 01/10/23 - 2/5/23 | Period 3 02/07/23 - 3/5/23 | Period 2 03/07/23 - 4/3/23 | Period 1 04/04/23 - 5/1/23 | P3-P1 | |
| Part 1 Crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 1 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C |
| Agg Assault | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 1 |
| Total P1 Violent Crime | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | ↓ 2 |
| Burglary/BE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C |
| Theft from Auto | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | N/C |
| Personal/Other Theft | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | N/C |
| Auto Theft | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | -25.0% |
| Total P1 Property Crime | 7 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | -10.0% |
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Part One Reported Offenses: 2020-2023

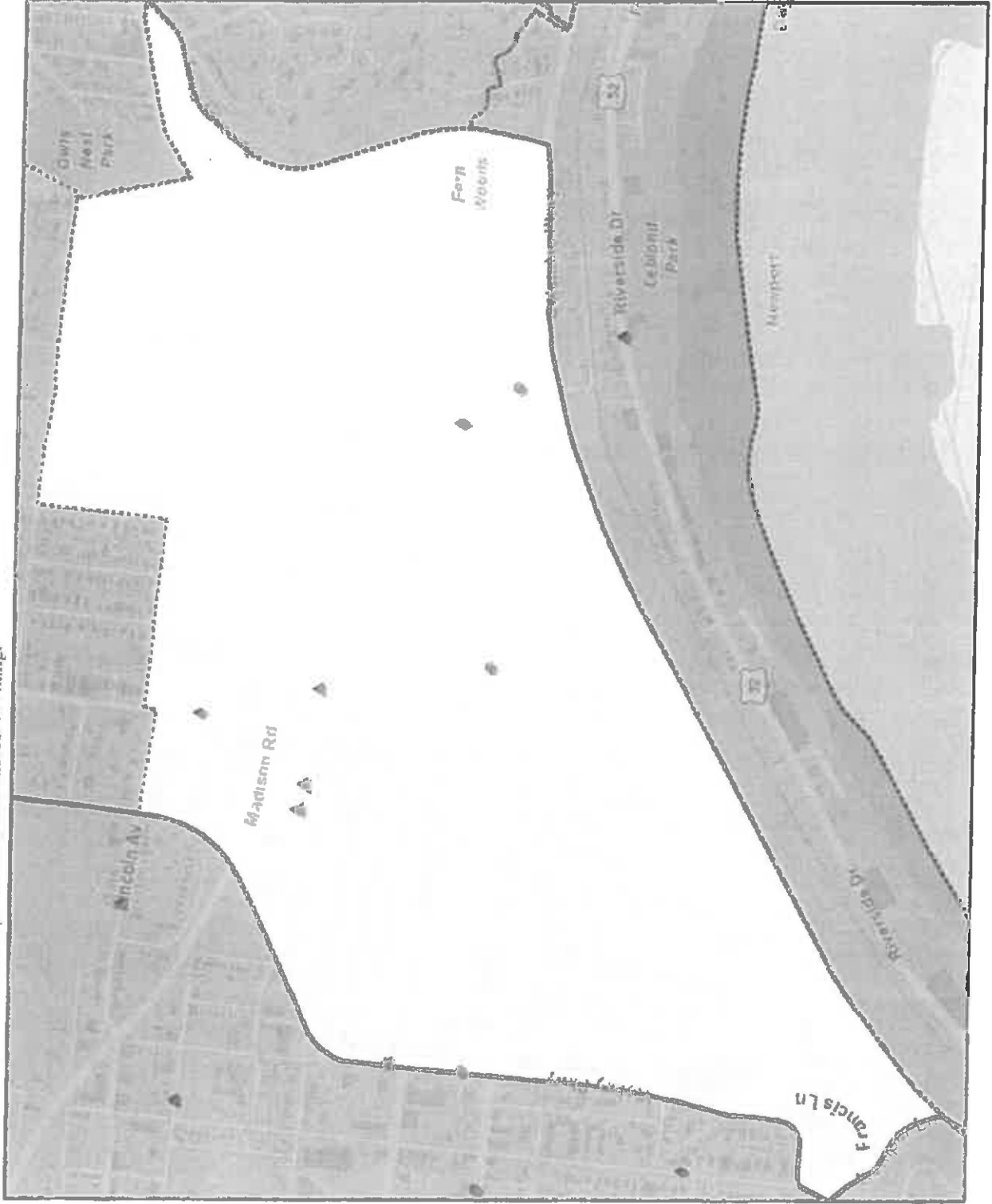


Rolling 28 Day Reported Offenses

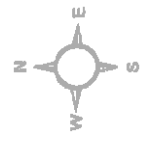


EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

*All information shown here are preliminary and subject to change



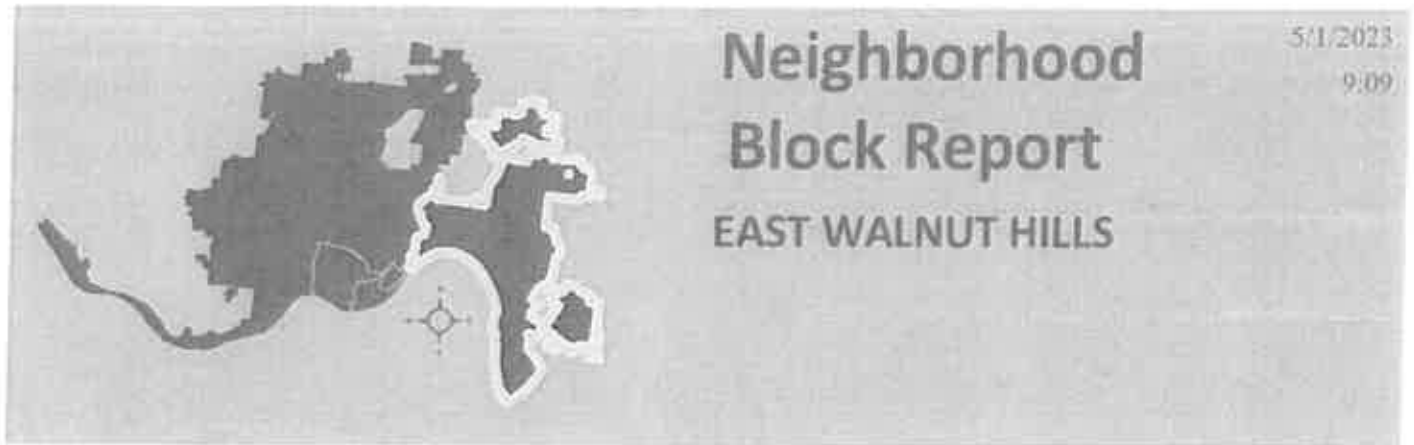
- Neighborhoods**
- Districts
- Violent Crimes**
- ★ Homicide
 - ◆ Rape
 - ▲ Robbery
 - Agg Assault
- Property Crimes**
- ★ Burglary/BE
 - ◆ Theft from Auto
 - ▲ Auto Theft
 - Personal/Other Theft



Data prepared on: 5/1/2023



Prepared by:
Crime Analysis & Problem Solving



Auto Theft

| Incident No | Offense | Date of Offense | Street Block |
|-------------|---------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 239009069 | Theft | 4/6/2023 12:29:00 PM | 13XX MYRTLE AV |
| 239009604 | Theft | 4/11/2023 5:27:00 PM | 13XX MYRTLE AV |
| 239009609 | Theft | 4/11/2023 8:55:00 PM | 27XX MOORMAN AV |

Part 2 Offense

| Incident No | Offense | Date of Offense | Street Block |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 239009269 | Criminal Damaging/Endangering | 4/8/2023 9:20:00 AM | 25XX WOODBURN AV |
| 239009128 | Extortion | 4/6/2023 5:00:00 PM | 12XX EDGECLIFF PL |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Incident No 239008854 | Offense Inducing Panic | Date of Offense 4/4/2023 9:15:00 AM | Street Block 16XX MADISON RD |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|

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| Incident No 239009795 | Offense Taking the Identity of Another | Date of Offense 4/13/2023 4:57:00 PM | Street Block 25XX WOODBURN AV |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|

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|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Incident No 239011198 | Offense Taking the Identity of Another | Date of Offense 4/27/2023 1:00:00 PM | Street Block 26XX VICTORY PY |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|

Personal/Other Theft

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Incident No 239008768 | Offense Theft | Date of Offense 4/3/2023 11:20:00 AM | Street Block 25XX HACKBERRY ST |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Incident No 239010230 | Offense Theft | Date of Offense 4/17/2023 3:50:00 PM | Street Block 25XX VICTORY PY |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Incident No 239010407 | Offense Theft | Date of Offense 4/19/2023 1:55:00 PM | Street Block 4XX COLLINS AV |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|

Theft from Auto

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Incident No 239009069 | Offense Theft | Date of Offense 4/6/2023 12:29:00 PM | Street Block 13XX MYRTLE AV |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|

Incident No
239C000282

Offense
Theft

Date of Offense
4/6/2023 1:45:00 PM

Street Block
29XX WOODBURN AV

Incident No
239010758

Offense
Theft

Date of Offense
4/23/2023 10:15:00 AM

Street Block
18XX WILLIAM HOWARD
TAFT RD

THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
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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 |

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| | 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 Siefring 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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| 2. Bush Recreation Center Report | Vanessa Henderson presented. 11-8P is the recreation center hours during the summer. Parent engagement and participation is encouraged in May. The center is looking to put parents through fun activities with the children. May 19 th is the Evanston Recreation Center's "Sports Sampler," and is seeking sponsors and vendors. There is a \$30 registration fee. Summer Camp Day Camp is currently still open with approximately 8 spots remaining. Spring Pickleball is beginning. Mt Washington Community Center is putting together summer adventure programs, ages 12-17 encouraged to attend the river trip. Volunteers are important as well, and are encouraged to reach out for more information. | None |
| 3. March Minutes | No minutes were available for approval | None |
| 4. Treasurer's Report. | Vince Accoriniti presented. The finance report was posted on the website prior to the meeting. No income or expenses were noted out of the extraordinary. The Assembly holds a \$30,000 promissory note on a loan to improve the space in the Rainbow Building occupied by Hello Honey. The loan was funded by DCDC, our development corporation, from funds it holds under our community benefit agreement. The loan is only repayable if Hello Honey does well. The balance sheet has been adjusted to carry this note as an asset. The Assembly has now received just over \$2,000 in repayments. | None |
| 5. Membership | Valerie Daley presented. All are encouraged to renew their memberships so that they can vote at the annual meeting in May. | None |
| 6. Events | <p>Christine Johnson presented. April 1st was the Neighborhood Trash Walk, and a local business, Automated Machine Systems, sent about 10 employees to come walk the neighborhood. 3 people from Hamilton Country Health Department came as well, and she reminded the community that the trash walks are the first Saturday of every 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>The upcoming events for our community are: April 25th 6-8pm, Cincinnati Parks Foundation hosting Owls Nest Park Community Engagement session, 4 Beech Lane; May 6th, Clay Alliance Pottery Fair, 10-4pm; Saturday May 13th, CSO Popup String Performance, 1-4pm, Owls Nest Park, Mother's Day performance; Gospel Fest, June 24th, Hoffman Field off Woodburn, "Praise in the Park;" Saturday July 15th, JamFest, Full Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Push Play, 4-10pm;</p> | None |

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| | Evanston Fest, Evanston Playground off Dana; September 7 th , Cincinnati Music Accelerator; Community Jazzfest, with "Mombocombó," 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. Farmer's Market | Deb Dereshkevich presented. There are currently 25 vendors signed up for the East Walnut Hills Farmers Market. The market will run from the last Friday in May through October ending with Octoberfest. There will be lots of activities for all ages. With raffles, musicians, and weekly grocery shopping, the market is the perfect place for weekly grocery shopping. | None |
| 8. Infrastructure | Ryan Crane presented. The committee has applied for traffic calming grants for the Woodburn & Madison intersection. The application was selected and there will be traffic calming measures implemented in the months to come through the Department of Transportation pedestrian safety program. Speed humps and pedestrian orientation are two important pieces discussed. | None |
| 9. Business Association | Sara Siefring presented. The next Walk on Woodburn will be April 14 th , and the art gallery that replaced Originalitees will be closing shortly after as well. | None |
| 10. Parking | Rick Boydston presented. The committee is waiting for the city to come back with a proposal on how to limit permit parking in the Madison lot, as well as on Woodburn. This is part of the negotiations over a new lease for the Madison lot. It is the committee's belief that until the Madison lot is full, this limitation is not necessary. The Woodburn lot's surface repair and repainting project is currently in process, with multiple bids being pursued. Funding for this project is also being discussed. Another update being discussed is the updating of the payment system used for the parking lots, bringing convenience and ease of use to our business district patrons. | |
| 11. Development | Drew Gores presented. The committee reached out to the Woodburn Exchange and received a response regarding the official opening of the apartment complex. The Woodburn Exchange officially welcomed their first residents on 3/1, and is pushing for completing the remaining phased construction of their project. Currently 4.35% occupied, 23% pre-leased, and is estimating an additional 8% by end of April. They have teased the prospective commercial tenant without confirming them by name. A wine bar and cocktail lounge is a prospective tenant communicated. Onyx + East anticipating acquiring properties on Woodburn this summer with construction to follow immediately. These properties are between the Purcell Marian stadium project and the Music Resource Center. Rusk Kitchen opening on 4/21. Solstice, the new concept going in next to Symposium, has been quiet on social media but submitted a liquor license application, meaning they are moving forward. The community garden is fenced and boxes are in place. Solicitations for allocating community garden boxes will be based on interest. An application has been filed to designate Hoffman School, an iconic Hannaford & Sons designed building off Woodburn, as a local historic landmark. This application will halt any plans for demolition. Cincinnati Preservation Association submitted the application. The community is encouraged to submit a letter of support, first to the Historic Conservation Board and then to City Council members. The East Walnut Hills Assembly board is submitting a letter of support on behalf of the community. Over 17K people viewed and commented regarding the issue of the Hoffman School's demolition, indicating this to be an important subject matter. Evanston Community Council is currently dealing with the brunt of this development issue, with there was a split vote on the subject. One opposed demolition of the building, but another gave approval for the development of the green space. This school and greenspace are important staples to the community and must actively be protected. | |

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| Adjournment | There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. | |
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Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report and Flier, Cincinnati Parks Foundation Owls Nest Park Meeting Flier, and March's Treasurer's Report

THE NEXT EWHA ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 3rd AT 7:00 P.M. This will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

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