

OAKLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Board Meeting, June 5, 2007

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. All Board members were present with the exceptions of Dave Schaff, Dan Marshall, John Heilman and Brent Van Lieu, who were excused.

Welcome and Announcements

- Speaker cards can be found on a table at the rear of the meeting room. Anyone wishing to speak needs to complete a speaker card and give to President.

Senior Citizen Liaison Report

- No report.

District 2 Police Report

- Officer Spellman reported that theft from autos has decreased. District 2 is monitoring the drug and prostitution activities on Robertson Avenue near Brownway. Residents can call the Oakley Citizens on Patrol (O.C.P.) with areas/addresses they would like visited by O.C.P.

Citizens On Patrol

- Greg Ries reported that this group made 2 patrols in May. Two groups of volunteers walked throughout Oakley on May 4 and one group on May 11. The current group of volunteers would like to encourage more residents to become involved. Some of the current members are now taking advanced training. 3 patrols are scheduled for the month of June.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission/CNAS

- Greg Pierson stated the Master Plan for the Oakley Community Center and Park should be ready for a presentation to the OCC for the August or September meeting. Summer Camp begins June 11 with 115-120 children registered to participate. On June 9 there will be a re-dedication of the East Hyde Park Commons at 10:00 a.. at Erie and Marburg Avenues. The National Night Out is being held at the Otto Armleder Park on Wooster Road on Tuesday, August 7.

Standing Committee Reports

- Matt Jones reports for the Beautification Committee that H.J. Benken has donated flowers for planting in the flower pots in the Madison Road business district. Volunteers are needed to plant the flowers. Matt Jones made a motion to spend up to \$500 to purchase some new planters and weed killer. Dan Bennie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- For the Zoning Committee, Vince Schirmer reported that an ordinance was passed by City Council today that restricts billboards from being placed within

100 feet of a residential area.

Sylvia Rombis presented information regarding her desire to develop the property located at 3804 Edwards Road. Ms. Rombis is the owner of Malton Gallery which is currently located in Hyde Park. She wants to raze the current structure and build a new facility. Residents on Cox Lane are pleased with the planned development but do have concerns about parking for art shows. 3 variances are being requested for a side yard setback, front yard setbacks and signage. Katie Carroll made a motion to send a letter of support to City of Cincinnati Zoning that supports the project. Dan Bennie ask to amend the motion to include language that the City send us a request for the support of any variances. Matt Jones ask to additionally amend the motion to support the project as presented on the architect's drawings without knowing the specifics of each variance with the opportunity to review the variance requests. Craig Samuel seconded the motion which passed with 6 yeas and 1 nay vote being cast. The OCC will need specifics on the variances before they will support the entire project.

- Business Committee members report that application is being made on June 8 to CNBDU for a \$600,000 grant to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the Madison Road business corridor, specifically, around the Geier Esplanade. There have been 41 accidents in the past 3 years in the area of the Geier Esplanade. Matt Jones made a motion to support the application, seconded by Vince Schirmer. Votes cast - 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Matt Jones made a motion that the OCC support the beautification efforts that are included in the plan by contributing \$1,000 of the OCC's NSP funding to the project. Katie Carroll seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Old Business

- No topics presented.

New Business

- Oakley After Hours is going well. The hours of the event are officially 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the last Friday of each month through October.

Treasurer's Report

- Vince Schirmer made a motion, seconded by Katie Carroll to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

- Vince Schirmer made a motion, seconded by Bob Luthy to approve the March, April and May minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Karen Amend from the Deupree Community on Rosslyn Drive introduced the new owner the facility, Covington Senior Care. This is now a private owner. The facility has been renamed the Hyde Park Health Center. Board members voiced their dismay at

the selection of the new name since the facility is located in the Oakley neighborhood.

Brent Castillo has questions about a 5K/Walk-Run being held in Oakley. He is interested in bringing any event like this to Oakley. Matt Jones will contact him regarding his inquiry.

Katie Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Craig Samuel and passed unanimously.

Becky Stephens
Secretary