

Cross Creek Village Civic Association
Thursday, February 7, 2012 6:30-7:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:35. The following members were present:

Megan Palovchik, Jon Hsu, Bob & Nancy Sorley, Kelley Arnold, Katie Hughes, Debi Hampton, Dave & Joyce Reichle, and Victor Sergi

1. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes from January 12th meeting were distributed and members given the opportunity to review.
- b. There were no objections to the minutes, and no discussion.
- c. Kelley Arnold moved to accept the minutes as written, Victor Sergi seconded.
- d. After a voice vote, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer Bob Sorley distributed the following report and members given the opportunity to review.

Cross Creek Village Civic Association Treasurer's Report

A checking account and saving account were opened at Fifth Third Bank on February 3, 2012, in the name of the Civic Association. Funds were transferred from the Block Watch account as follows:

Checking	\$755.00
Savings	\$100.00
Total	\$855.00

\$125.00 of the above funds is designed toward the cost of registering CCVCA as a 501(c)(3) organization.

An Employer Identification Number (EIN) was also assigned to the CCVCA by the IRS.

- b. There were no objections to the report, and no discussion.
- c. Kelley Arnold moved to accept the report as submitted, Dave Reichle seconded.
- d. After a voice vote, the report was unanimously approved.

3. Block Watch Committee Report

- a. Block Watch Captain, Renee Mushalko, submitted the following written report, which was read to the members by Debi Hampton in Renee's absence.

Annual 15 Precinct Coordinator's Meeting, 25 Jan 2012

- Ofc. Charlie Southerland, Zone 3 Investigator
 - Investigates misdemeanor crimes
 - Screens for "solvable" cases to maximize efforts of minimal personnel (have been able to double the amount of zone investigators so they now only cover 2 precincts instead of 4)
 - Thefts from cars: 9 out of 10 are not solvable
 - Not enough information
 - Often no fingerprints, no witnesses, no vehicle or other information connected to a suspect
 - One of the most preventable crimes and least solvable
 - Misdemeanor crimes now involve losses >\$1000
 - Used to be >\$500 (changed by OH legislature in 2011)
 - Changed in effort to reduce overcrowding in prisons
- Sgt. Jeff Warbis, 15 precinct 1st shift sgt
 - Provided stats that show a reduction in several major crime issues in our precinct

- Residential burglaries, assaults, and thefts from autos all down compared to 3 years ago
 - He attributes this directly to the establishment of strong block watches AND valuable information from residents of victimized neighborhoods that have led to numerous arrests...He emphasized how important this partnership is for police
- Unfortunately, business burglaries and robberies are up this year compared to recent years
 - Bit more difficult for police to get help on these since there are often not witnesses
- Information exchange among coordinators
 - Ofc. Paulus asked Karen Ritchey and me to discuss the main things we do with our groups (we have the most experience)
 - Discussions about the communications methods used by the various groups
 - Numerous other operational discussions
 - Discussed going to two meetings a year rather than just one

Split of BW vs CCVCA monies at Fifth Third Bank, 3 Feb 2012

- Bank requires new account rather than name change on old account
 - Took advantage and just split off CCVCA money into new account : \$855.00
 - \$730.00, membership and Flyers Card sales intake
 - \$125.00, donation for state registration (received several years ago)
 - Debi remains on BW account; Bob and Debi on new account
 - To close BW account once funds there are exhausted unless we decide otherwise
 - Applied for EIN

Incidents/Other Activities in January

- Newspaper delivery (*This Week* papers in street, gutters, sewer grates)
 - Talked with distribution manager
 - Trying to determine if it has significantly improved (last week, my street alone there were 6-7 papers in the street or on curb...one across the street from my house where there is no driveway)
 - Still getting some complaint, but not sure if it is *This Week* or *Northwest News*
- Helicopter incidents:
 - 29 Jan 2012, 8:25 PM, around Castlebrook/Ivywild intersection...could not determine why they were here for this incident
 - 1 Feb 2012, 8:20 – 9:00 PM, pursuit and arrest of suspects in theft from Dollar General at Tinapple; chase spanned from Redlands (southwest end) to Gillette, with SWAT, canine unit, and other officers, both Hilliard and Columbus
- Hilliard business robberies (many at gunpoint), including the Subway in Tinapple Plaza (not limited to Hilliard, though...generally an increase around this part of town)
 - Burglaries and robberies most likely primarily driven by suspects addicted to heroin
- Fixed BW vs CCVCA groupings on the gmail site
 - E-mailed civic association formation documents to members
 - E-mailed meeting agenda to members
 - E-mailed meeting reminder
- Paid PO Box annual fee on 20 Jan 12: \$46.00
- Want to address, via newsletter or e-mail, reminders of common code violations and remind people of clearing sewer grates...they're getting pretty bad again

Feb Goals

- Determine Summer Social date(s) and theme(s)
 - Meet with Social committee, set budget, goals, promotions, and dates for execution
 - Schedule police and fire presence
 - Contact Mike McCloud (Target) and Chris McLaughlin (Texas Roadhouse) about plans for Social
- Contact Dan Russell re realty newsletter/Facebook account
 - Produce next newsletter
 - Pursue possible "piggyback" with Russell
- Research Facebook setup
- Determine garage sale date
- Arrange for Ofc. Paulus to give us a refresher talk on BW

4. Front Entrance Committee
 - a. Work by John Hsu and Dave Reichle to gather quotes for renovation of the front entrance (corner of Springdale and Hilliard-Rome Roads).
 - b. Members discussed the pros and cons of having works, specifically landscaping, done at no cost in exchange for advertisement by the company performing the work.
 - c. Dave and Jon will prioritize the work that needs done, and continue working to gather quotes and report back to the Association at the next meeting
5. Registering as a Corporate Entity
 - a. Jon submitted paperwork to the Association Officers to sign that would incorporate the Cross Creek Village Civic Association as a corporate entity with the State of Ohio.
 - b. This is one step in the process of fully incorporating the Association and becoming a 501(C)3, non-profit entity.
6. Neighborhood Pride Presentation
 - a. Application already submitted by Renee
 - i. City services all at once in community
 - ii. Bruce Black, from Mayor Coleman's office gave a presentation to the Association outlining the selection process for Neighborhood Pride.
 - iii. Bruce also outlined the benefits each neighborhood that is chosen will receive, including City organized children and teen activities, enhanced assistance with code enforcement, luncheon, fire safety program, bike safety festival, and a visit by the Mayor.
 - b. City Services
 - i. Bruce informed the Association members that Columbus City Services are available by calling 645-3111
 - c. Project 2020
 - i. Bruce discussed this project, with the goal being all Columbus City Streets will be lit by 2020.
 - ii. Residents can select traditional pole mounted lights or, more expensive, decorative lighting.
 - iii. 60% of the neighborhood must agree by signed petition to pay for the decorative lighting.
 - iv. Bruce's neighborhood, Berwick, took a long time to complete: 10 years trying to get 60% to no avail, then three years to get signatures after dividing the neighborhood into three sections and then 1 1/2 years for city to complete the install.
 - d. UIR Funds (Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds)
 - i. Bruce briefly mentioned this funding source as another possible option to help pay for street lights in the neighborhood.

- ii. Berwick residents ended up paying about \$300 per household... a much more reasonable number than the initial \$1,600 quoted.
 - e. Eagle Scout
 - i. Discussion about whether or not an Eagle Scout could perform some or all of the front entrance work as part of an Eagle Scout project.
 - ii. Katie will research this and report back.
- 7. 200Columbus Grant Proposal
 - a. \$500-\$10,000 grant, deadline February 15, 2012, requires a fiscal agent. Jon would check into a possibility.
 - b. The Association members present unanimously decided that Debi should move forward and submit an application by the deadline, on behalf of the Cross Creek Civic Association, for the 200Columbus Grant, regarding the Front Entryway.
- 8. Meeting Signage
 - a. It was agreed that signs should be printed and placed throughout the neighborhood to alert neighbors that Civic Association meetings are taking place.
 - b. Debi will research sign prices and report back to the committee. Kelley agreed to check catalog pricing as well.
- 9. Adjournment.
 - a. Victor made a motion to adjourn.
 - b. Jon seconded.
 - c. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.
 - d. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the media center at Hilliard Crossing Elementary.