

**Cross Creek Village Civic Association**  
**Thursday, April 5, 2012 6:30-8:30 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting came to order at 6:30. The following members were present: Debi Hampton, Bob Sorley, Katie Hughes, Leonard Powell, Kelley Arnold, Jon Hsu, Megan Palovchik, Victor Sergi, Nancy Sorley, and Corinne Chain

1. Bruce Black from the City of Columbus spoke to the group for an hour and 20 minutes about the 2012 Neighborhood Pride program and 2012 Pride Week in Cross Creek Village. Cross Creek Village has been selected by the City as one of ten neighborhoods in Columbus that will be a part of the Program.
  - a. A video was played showing images from previous Neighborhood Pride festivities.
  - b. Bruce provided an overview of the neighborhood:
    - i. 1185 parcels
    - ii. 1184 homes
    - iii. 88% owner occupied
    - iv. Geographical boundaries: North>Gillette Ave., South>Ivywild Ave., East>Walcutt Rd., West>Hilliard-Rome Rd.
  - c. A full schedule of events is forthcoming, but the following key dates were provided to the group:
    - i. Bus Tour, May 8
    - ii. Community Meeting, June 7
    - iii. Pride Week, June 18-22
      1. Every day this week will have breakfast & lunch provided by the City
      2. All meetings & most activities will take place at Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church on Hilliard-Rome Road, just north of Cross Creek Village.
    - iv. Neighborhood Safety Academy, June 19
    - v. Mayor's Bike Ride & Healthy Wednesday, June 20
    - vi. Night Meeting, June 21
  - d. The Membership discussed the need to schedule a community clean-up day prior to Pride Week, a date is to be determined.
  - e. Bruce told the Membership that a literature drop will take place two to three weeks prior to Pride Week.
    - i. The Civic Association will be able to place flyers in the literature packet.
    - ii. The membership also discussed coordinating with Bruce's colleague, Beth, to ensure a website is completed prior to the literature drop and the web address is included in the pamphlet.
  - f. Kim Stands from the City of Columbus reviewed the Safe & Sound Program that will take place as part of Pride Week.

- i. A grant program for households meeting income requirements, to provide assistance with home improvement projects that will be available to Cross Creek residents as part of Pride Week.
    - ii. Residents can apply for funding June 18 to August 3
- 2. Secretary's Report
  - a. Minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed and members given the opportunity to review.
  - b. There were no objections to the minutes, and no discussion.
  - c. Leonard Powell moved to accept the minutes as written, Megan Palovchik seconded.
  - d. After a voice vote, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. 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

First Quarter, 2012, submitted April 5, 2012

Savings: Initial deposit was \$100.00. Balance remains at \$100.00.

Checking:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Initial deposit  | \$755.00  |
| Income   |           |
| Two memberships @ \$20.00                                    | \$40.00   |
| Expenditures   |           |
| To OH Sec. of State, filing fee for non-profit incorporation | -\$125.00 |
| To United States Postal Service for stamps                   | -\$9.00   |
| To Checks Unlimited for order of checks                      | -\$5.50   |
| Ending balance   | \$655.50  |

Donations in kind were made totalling \$52.64.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Sorley

- b. Megan moved to accept, Debi seconded.
    - c. After a voice vote, the report was unanimously approved.
- 4. CCVCA Bylaws Amendment
  - a. An email was sent to the membership, prior to the meeting, in compliance with the current bylaws notice requirements, to amend the current bylaws to include a pro ration of member dues as an incentive to join.
    - i. Victor expressed concern with the amendment, stated that a pro rationed dues structure was unnecessary.
    - ii. After a discussion by the group as to the pros and cons of pro rationed dues, Leonard moved to accept the amendment as proposed. Nancy seconded. The amendment was unanimously approved.

## 5. Block Watch Committee Report

- a. Block Watch Captain, Renee Mushalko, submitted the following written report in her absence.

### Incidents/Other Activities in March 2012

- I did remove the graffiti on the Citrus property with a graffiti remover.
- Full accounting of Mar and Apr will be given at the May meeting (I have been on vacation and sick the past two and a half weeks, so this did not get done in time for the meeting)

### Update on Situation with Dan Russell Alliance

- Contacted Mr. Russell by phone to set up a meeting with the neighborhoods involved; Mr. Russell initially agreed to meet after a very lengthy discussion in which I tried to reassure him we were not out to ambush him but wanted to start a dialogue to help see the impact his marketing was having and to try to find common ground that could serve both him and us. When I sent a confirmation e-mail and a brief agenda, he replied saying he would not meet with us as well as some other unflattering (to him) comments.
- The group met again, without Mr. Russell, and reviewed a letter drafted by Jon Hsu addressing the specific requests regarding the marketing tools he is using in our neighborhoods. Jon was to incorporate our revisions and contact Mr. Rodney Holaday, who is the president of Westbrooke Subdivision's HOA and a lawyer for Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease Law firm. Mr. Russell had begun trying to individually contact the various neighborhoods I'd told him were working together in an attempt to "negotiate" individually with them. Mr. Holaday had been apprised of our workings to that point, so when Mr. Russell contacted him, Rodney waited to hear from us before he would approach Mr. Russell and will present this still as a united front to Mr. Russell. If he doesn't respect the requests we are making, further legal action may be pursued to ensure he does.

### Financials for the Block Watch

- See attached (I started this report at the beginning of March, but, again, did not finish it because I've been on vacation and ill; the numbers missing from the statement at the bottom have been reported in the Treasurer's Report of previous months...I just had not looked them up yet; I will also review my records about the social income/expenses the past few years and get those reported next month)

- b. The following Block Watch Financial Report was submitted by Renee.

#### 2012 CROSS CREEK BLOCK WATCH FINANCIAL REPORT

(Jan 1, 2012 – Mar 31, 2012)

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Opening Balance (\$2,094.12) |             |
| January 2012                          |             |
| Balance                               | \$2,094.12* |
| Income                                | \$ 0.00     |
| Expenses                              |             |
| P.O. Box Fee (CCVCA; 1/20/12)         | \$ -46.00   |
| Ending Balance                        | \$2,048.12  |
| February 2012                         |             |
| Previous Balance                      | \$2,048.12  |
| Income                                | \$ 0.00     |
| "Expense"                             |             |
| Split off of CCVCA Funds (2/3/12)     | \$ -855.00  |
| Ending Balance                        | \$1,193.12  |
| March 2012                            |             |
| Previous Balance                      | \$1,193.12  |
| Income                                | \$ 0.00     |
| Expense                               | \$ 0.00     |
| Ending Balance                        | \$1,193.12  |

(\*Opening balance contains \_\_\_\_\_ in membership fees collected for Cross Creek Village Civic Association memberships – \_\_\_\_\_ paid out to Flyers Pizza for pizza cards and \$125.00 donated toward registration of group as a nonprofit)

6. Front Wall Improvement Committee

- a. Jon informed the group he is still working to get a third bid.

7. Website Committee

- a. Jon has created a webpage using Weebly. He will continue to work with neighboring groups and Beth from the City of Columbus to refine the site.
- b. The site will be made live in time for the literature drop prior to Pride Week.
- c. Victor and Debi suggested that the Block Watch information be password protected.
- d. The membership was asked to email any further suggestions to Jon.

8. Discussion From Members

- a. Katie stated that the four officers are now meeting prior to each meeting to set a streamlined agenda in an effort to keep future meetings short and efficient.
- b. Victor suggested that the Civic Association gets signs advertising the meetings. Debi informed him that this is a goal of the Association and we are actively working toward having signs made.

9. Adjournment.

- a. Leonard made a motion to adjourn.
- b. Jon seconded.
- c. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.
- d. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3 at 6:30pm in the media center at Hilliard Crossing Elementary.