

Minutes of the Oct. 2, 2008, meeting of the Crescent Hill Community Council

The meeting was called together at the Peterson-Dumesnil House at 7:33 p.m., First Vice President Cabrina Bosco presiding. A greeting was extended to members and leaders of Louisville Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, who attended as a civics lesson. The scout troop was honored with a certificate for help it has rendered to the council. The certificate read:

Crescent Hill's Numero Uno

Whereas the boys of Louisville Troop # 1 of the Boy Scouts of America – who, it should be mentioned, seem very young for participants in the oldest Scout Troop in Louisville AND Kentucky – are annual defenders of the integrity of the Peterson-Dumesnil House grounds on the crucial night before the Fourth of July, and whereas they take time occasionally to partake in the CIVICS LESSON that is a meeting of their neighborhood association, and whereas they are Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent AND they make good pancakes, be it hereby proclaimed that, in Crescent Hill, Troop # 1 really is Numero UNO

The minutes from the Sept. 4 meeting of the council were read and approved. In the absence of treasurer Brian Butler, Cabrina read the treasurer's report, and it was accepted. It is attached.

Resource Officer Marc Hall gave the crime report. He said there had been several burglaries and car break-ins in the neighborhood, but that three arrests had cleared up several of them. He warned again against leaving cars unlocked and leaving valuables in plain view even in a locked vehicle. Put them in the trunk, he said. He warned against walking in dark places alone any night, but especially on Halloween. He suggested leaving porch lights on. Report any streetlights that appear to be malfunctioning, he said, and call police when you notice any strangers on the street who are acting suspiciously.

Tommy Thomas, manager of the Crescent Hill branch of the First Capital Bank of Kentucky, rose to announce that the bank will sponsor the 4th of July fireworks again in '09, and looks forward to a continuing relationship with the neighborhood. C.J. Parrish noted that that the fireworks will cost more than ever. “So this is good,” she said.

Barb Sinai said the school board plans to replace two trees near the Field School and Eastover Park, and might plant a third with help from the council. More later. She and Kathleen Batsel reported that progress is being made on a revamp for Kennedy Park. Citizens have turned out for a series of meetings, and given input on new fixtures. A yard sale raised \$230 or so. “Things are going well,” Kathleen said.

On a motion from Jason Seiber, the council voted \$50 each for the three blocks of Hillcrest Avenue for block parties on Halloween night. He said the money will help to pay \$400 for police officers to be on hand when the street is inundated as it always is on Halloween. They'll try to raise the rest door to door.

On a motion from Jon Schenkenfelder, the council approved spending up to \$400 on two banners to join others sponsored by other Crescent Hill Groups hanging from poles along Frankfort Avenue. John's motion for an email or website vote on a design for the new banners also was approved. The council also will look into replacing the city seal – which is out-dated – on some serviceable banners

that now reside in the PD House basement.

Jason Seiber moved approval of a motion to pay up to \$200 at \$25 a person for people from the Neighborhood to attend the mayor's upcoming neighborhood summit. It passed.

Jerry Fielden reported that he and Kathy Schmitt, joint honchos for the 4th next year, are busy getting ready already – working on such things as a layout for the grounds and traveling to other shows to see what arts and crafts they have. He urged people from Crescent Hill to go around to shows such as the St. James Art Fair and pick up business cards from booths they'd like to see in Crescent Hill. Pat Brinson said it's a good idea also to ask if the vendor plans to participate in the Crescent Hill event, thereby raising the name of our show in the consciousness of the vendor.

Jerry also reported that the council's membership stood at 565, reaching for a goal of 700 for the year. "I'm not sure we'll make it," he said.

Diana Gautier said she's trying to get a crime committee off the ground, to work on block watches and other short- and long-term goals. Meetings had been held, and were planned.

Barb McGee said she's putting together a binder for the year to go into the historical committee's archives. She solicited contributions to it.

Darrell Anne Driskill reported for the newsletter committee that Joe Ward has learned three new programs – Scribus, Inkscape, and Gimp – to get the current issue out. All are free programs, and they work reasonably well. The strategy is to get newspaper production on a routine basis, so that new editors can take over occasionally without having to reinvent the wheel. True glory awaits some lucky, qualified person. Zack Zinser has been keeping up on which advertisers have paid their bills, and Judy Conley has been calling those who have not, to see whether they want to continue advertising. Margaret Heston is helping Darrell Anne bring in new advertisers.

Lorie Jacobs said she has been in communication with students at the Baptist Seminary who are looking for service projects, and can help with council chores.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m., so everybody could go home and watch the vice-presidential candidates – for the U.S., that is – in debate.

Joe Ward
Secretary