

CRESCENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order with **President Tim Allen** presiding at 7:35 p.m., at the Peterson-Dumesnil House. The minutes were approved and the treasurer's report delivered and approved. The treasurer's report, and a revised version of the May treasurer's report, are attached.

Officer Marc Hall of the Louisville Metro Police Department delivered the crime report, which included a rare murder. Officer Hall said a man in town for a softball tournament was beaten to death in a fight outside a Brownsboro Road establishment. Officer Hall said four men charged in the beating were not unknown to police. There were a number of thefts and malicious mischief incidents, as outlined in the report, which is attached below. Officer Hall said the suspect in the theft of \$2,000 worth of copper flashing from a roof on Sacred Heart Lane weighs "about 700 pounds," and he, the officer, "would have paid \$2,000 to see that guy climb up on the roof" to get the copper.

Ninth District Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh reported that the closings of the Franck and Claremont railroad crossings should be complete by June 24. When the work is done, she said, it will appear as if the crossings never were there. Cooperation between neighbors and the sanitation department has resolved problems at the Franck crossing that once threatened to force people used to having their garbage collected in the alley to haul it out to the street. An alley paving project that required permission from adjacent homeowners will permit sanitation trucks to continue using the alley after all, she said.

There was discussion of lawn mowing on three chunks of the median in North Hite Avenue. Two of the three chunks are mowed by adjacent homeowners. The third chunk, nearest Frankfort Avenue, has gone largely un-mowed, in part, Tina and various others think, because much of the property along there is rental, and neither the owners nor the renters are very interested in mowing it. Tina spoke of incorporating that mowing into an ongoing mowing project of the council, for which some money is received from the CSX railroad. **Mike Sweeney**, who lives at the corner of North Hite and Brownsboro Road, had some questions about the way things have been going with the grass and some ideas about how they should be going, and ultimately was invited by Tina and Tim to get some names and numbers and take the situation on as a project.

NEW BUSINESS

Barb McGee moved that the Welcome Committee receive an additional \$200 to purchase cloth bags to be delivered with welcoming goodies to new residents of the neighborhood. The money brings to \$448 the total for welcome bags. Barb's motion was seconded and approved.

Jerry Fielden moved to amend the **Fourth of July budget** and increase the amount up to \$5,000 to cover additional miscellaneous expenses. These expenses include but are not limited to: banners, ads, supplies for change in weather conditions and any other thing that might be needed to have a successful event that will live up to the expectations of the Crescent Hill community. The motion was seconded and Brian Butler spoke in its favor, noting that the Fourth of July event "already has brought in more than we've spent" and "is in dynamite shape." The motion carried.

Pat Brinson moved "that the leaders of the **2011 Art and Music Festival** determine the dates and venue for the 2011 Art and Music Festival with the intent of announcing the date and place at the 2010 4th of July Celebration." She noted that current dates under consideration were the

third weekend in May, first or third weekend in July, and the third weekend in Sept. **Greg Smith** said water company property, **St. Joseph Children's Home** and the **Masonic Homes** property are under consideration, but the **Peterson-Dumesnil House** grounds are preferred for a location.

Concern was expressed that the council couldn't speak for those other parties in granting permission to the arts and music leaders to make the decision. **Joe Ward** asked if Pat and other supporters of the motion would be willing to make it subject to final approval by the community council board. Greg said that would raise questions about getting a decision made in time to announce it at this year's Fourth celebration. He asked if there is an executive committee that could speak for the council on a more timely basis. The president said there is, and it could. **Suzanne Ward**, who is a member of the PD House Foundation Board, said that body would have to talk about the leaders' proposed dates after looking at other bookings at the house. **Barb McGee** expressed concern about an early July arts festival conflicting with the council's fourth of July event, which will be conducted separately after 2010. Pat agreed that if the arts festival were to take place near the fourth, its leaders would discuss timing with Paul Kinsley and leaders of the fourth event.

A motion to amend Pat's motion to make authority extended to the arts and music leaders subject to approval by the council's executive board was made and voted upon and it carried. A subsequent vote on the motion itself, as amended, also carried. "That will be your task to try and get that worked out before the fourth of July," Tim told the leaders.

Tim asked **Barb McGee, Barb Sinai, Sue Ritman** and **Suzanne Ward** to stand, and announced that they are his appointees to the 2010 nominating committee for the council's 2011 officers.

Pat said she would like to ask for volunteers for the committee from the floor.

Deftly whipping out his new iPad, Tim read from the council's bylaws that it is the prerogative of the president to appoint members of the nominating committee, and the council's board has authority only to approve or reject.

Jerry Fielden moved to nominate **Cynthia Thomas** to the nominating committee.

Tim pointed out again that the bylaws make no provision for nominations from the floor when it comes to forming the nominating committee.

"This sounds like a railroad," Jerry said.

Greg Smith asked if the bylaws would defer to Roberts Rules of Order.

Tim said that, where conduct of business is clearly set forth in the bylaws, Roberts Rules do not override.

Pat called a point of order. "We have a motion on the floor," referring, apparently to Jerry's nomination of Cynthia.

"It looks to me like it's a railroad thing," Jerry said.

There followed a moderately heated discussion of various alleged conspiracies and infighting on the council. Pat resigned as acting parliamentarian. Kathleen Batsel A suggested, in effect, that the whole group needs therapy. She called on Tina to suggest an organization that helps groups in trouble, and it turned out Tina had been sitting in the back of the room on her cell phone "trying to find anybody in town who would drive over here right now."

"You are experiencing growing pains," she said.

Barb Bower, who is a therapist, spoke up from the back of the room in therapeutic tones. "I stand humbled by the amount of effort that people in this room have put out," she said. "Everybody in here is a good person. There is 'human doing' and 'human being.' We need to separate them."

Barb Sinai ultimately broke into the melee. "It's getting late," she said. "Could we just add Cynthia to the nominating committee and move on?"

Tim agreed to do that, and the committee was approved with its additional member.

(As the person charged with creating the official record of council meetings, the secretary would like to make two points here in the interest of clarity. 1. Council parliamentarian C.J. Parish could not attend the meeting, but said later when the sequence of events was described to her, that Jerry's motion to nominate Cynthia should have been ruled out of order. 2. It does not take belligerence at council meetings to get oneself or somebody else appointed to a committee or about any other job on the council. All that is really required is to drop one's guard long enough to let it be known one is willing to serve.)

It was agreed that people interested in following up on Tina's offer to have a mediator of some sort work with the council on its growing pains would get together after the meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT REPS

Barb Sinai reported that the school district will take over maintenance of Eastover Park, which is adjacent to Field Elementary School. In years past, the council has paid to have the park mowed. As a last expense of setting up the park, Barb suggested the council pay to have markers on trees planted there be made more permanent in remembrance of various people for whom they were planted. Plaques that had marked the trees were pried up and tossed around last Halloween. Barb's proposal would pay for bronze plaques that would be anchored in cement. The plaques would cost at total of \$501.60, and there would be additional expense for the cement. It was decided the council will vote on that expenditure in August.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Jerry Brinson reported that membership stands a 440 and that the membership committee still needs a new chairman. **Vice President Paul Kinsley** said he thinks he may have somebody lined up very soon – **Jessica Hutchinson**, a Sacred Heart teacher, and **David Rasdall**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyce Cossavella said the PD House Board is looking for more houses for its Candlelight tour in December, and will not be able to conduct the tour if more aren't signed up. Paul noted that his house on Hillcrest is one of those already signed up, and he wants to be on the tour.

Tim Allen announced that former council vice president and current Fourth of July leader **Kathy Schmitt** and her husband, **Finbar Kinsella**, are the new owners of the Crescent Hill Trading Co., near the corner of Frankfort and South Bayly avenues.

Roz Heinz announced that the **United Crescent Hill Ministries** has young workers available for summer employment whose wages are paid by a grant. She asked that council members spread the word to businesses that might be able to use them.

Tina Ward-Pugh announced that July 28 is **Ninth District Night at the Louisville Bats** game, and her office has free tickets that will get you into the game and finance a hot dog and a soft drink. Call her office and they'll mail the tickets. Game time is 7:05.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Joe Ward, Secretary