

**CRESCENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**May 7, 2009**

President Tim Allen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., a little extra time in preparation having been consumed by Parliamentarian Bill Kunz determining that, unlike the April meeting, this one had a quorum. That being the case, the minutes from April were approved as submitted, after Tim noted that, since no business could be conducted in April, any changes to the minutes would be as inconsequential as the meeting itself. The attendance sheet is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer Brian Butler, in a rare personal appearance, delivered the treasurer's report, which is attached, along with plan reports for April and May. Nancy Knadler actually looked at the report, and noting that something called the CHCC Forum account was second only to the CHCC Main account in funds, asked what it is. Brian said it is a separate arm of the council set up to inform the neighborhood. It is empowered to put on events, but it mostly just produces the newsletter, and tries to cover costs by selling advertising.

Tim begged the council's indulgence for "one minute and 30 seconds," to announce that he was officially appointing Miriam Forinash editor of the Crescent Hill Newsletter. Miriam succeeds Joe Ward in the post, and has worked with him in getting out the last several newsletters. There was appropriate applause for Miriam.

LMPD Officer Marc Hall delivered the crime report, which is attached. "I can't make this stuff up," he said. One highlight was a would-be burglar on McCready Avenue who discovered he couldn't fit through the window he'd chosen to gain entry. Officer Hall said there had been a bit of an uptick in criminal mischief activity – including spray painting the inside of Ballou's, which drew groans from the audience – because of spring break and generally warmer weather.

Dee Wilson asked the proper procedure for reporting suspected drug activity, and Officer Hall told her to call the anonymous tipline at 574-LMPD. He said tips are forwarded to a special team that does the investigations, a group of officers who dress and move about in such a way that "nobody knows who they are." Unfortunately, he said, drug dealers do seem to spot them readily.

Samantha Davis passed out fliers for Ninth Ward Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh's office, in the absence of Tina and of her usual surrogate, Mary Rose Beyerle.

### **Unfinished Business**

Tim announced that a mistake on the part of the banner maker has resulted in an extra banner for Frankfort Avenue. "We ordered three and paid for three. We get four," he said.

Kathleen Batsel reported progress on the Kennedy Park spruce-up, which she said, after a year of meetings and planning, is nearing its fund raising stage. The funds will be for benches, which cost \$900 each, among other things. She said ice cream socials and such are being talked about. "This is very doable," She said. "Only five additional benches are needed." Kathleen said the park is under consideration as the site of a sculpture depicting Pan (as in the Greek god of the woods, fields and flocks.) She said Martha Berner from Metro Parks has been very helpful with the project.

Tim introduced forms that will be used henceforth at council meetings to help the aging secretary keep track of motions that are made, their precise wording, and who, precisely, made them. The forms were made up by Historian Barbara McGee. They provide a place for writing down the motion and the name of the person who makes it, with a list for checking off the ultimate outcome. The form also outlines the seven-step process for making a motion, and the rules for discussion and voting.

The very first person to use the form was Second Vice President Kathy Schmitt, who moved “that the name of Crescent Hill's event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July be changed to “Crescent Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July Art and Music Festival.”

She made the motion on behalf of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee, which she heads with Jerry Fielden. Jerry had asked at the last meeting that the new name be considered to reflect changes in the events and entertainment at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Kathleen Batsel read a note sent to the meeting by Barb Sinai, who could not attend the meeting. She expressed concern that the proposed change would be too abrupt. “People need an opportunity to become familiar” with the new name, she said. She proposed calling the event “The Crescent Hill Old-Fashioned Fourth of July and the Crescent Hill Arts and Music Festival.” Parliamentarian Bill Kuntz ultimately ruled that Barb could not make a motion by email.

Jerry Fielden said the reason for changing the name in the first place was to make it shorter for use in publicity. “You can use Old-Fashioned in the rest of the publicity,” he said. “We don't need it in the title. The Dunkin' booth is gone. That stuff is gone. The old-fashioned part is gone. We have gone to arts and music as a way to finance this thing.”

Sue Ritman proposed waiting for the annual meeting to vote on the proposed change. “People haven't had time to consider it,” she said.

Pat Brinson reiterated the suggestion that the “old-fashioned” part of the label could be used more informally, but that the title of the event should reflect its arts orientation, which she noted already had been decided upon, and the new approach to lots of music and “extraordinary changes” brought to the effort by Greg Smith, and greeted enthusiastically by sponsors and by Publicity Chair Janine Linder. She suggested the change would be a way to “recognize” Greg and the musicians.

Pat Schmitt said people she knows who come to the event like the idea that it is an old-fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and feel that the label is “representative of what this community is – how we differentiate ourselves from other arts and music events.” She likes the event, she said, and welcomes more arts and music, but she said she thinks changing the name “is like fixing something that's not broken.” People “should be given an opportunity” to consider it, she said.

Lorie Jacobs noted that the council has “old-fashioned things all around us,” noting the PD House setting of most council meetings. But she said it is true that the arts and music “bring in the money,” and suggested the council should “give credit where it is due.” But she suggested time for vacillating was short. “If you're on the fence,” she said, “take a side.”

Barb McGee said she doesn't care about the arts and music “stuff.” She said she likes the kids games. “Why change [the name] now?” she asked.

Tim asked whether anybody wanted to consider Barb Sinai's suggestion for an alternative name change.

Dee Allen called for a vote on the original motion, that the name be changed to "Crescent Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July Art and Music Festival."

But, at least for the moment, the call was futile. Paul Kinsley passed around a sheaf of emails he said he had gathered on the issue, and suggested the event was too close for a change this year. "We need to think about the community at heart," he said. Hold off another year and get the community involved. He said Melissa Mershon said the old-fashioned label should go on the arts and the music this year to keep something familiar about the event even though it is changing. People in the community shouldn't feel they are left out of the decision, he said.

Jerry noted that he is chair of the membership committee, and he said he didn't recognize many of the names on the emails. He did recognize the name of former Alderwoman Melissa Mershon, though, he said.

Tim observed that discussion had gone on perhaps too long, and called for the vote. There were three votes in favor of the change, and 17 against.

Pat Brinson noted that there really has been no clear name of the event in the past and said she, as an English teacher, would like it to have a name that makes sense and is not bland. She proposed the "Crescent Hill Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration."

There was more palaver, with suggestions that maybe "festival" should be in there, and Jerry explaining again that changes in the event, to be supported by a change in the name, are important because of the money. Ultimately, the vote went 16 to three for Pat's suggestion.

But that didn't end it. Paul made a motion that, "For publicity purposes, we allow use of 'The Crescent Hill Art and Music Festival and the Old Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration' in any variation." The motion failed, 10 to four.

There were reports from committees and districts and various announcements, and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Afterwards, Secretary Joe Ward, representing Crescent Hill-based Bicycling for Louisville, gave a presentation on cycling safety that touched on errors by both motorists and cyclists that lead to crashes, and outlined the law on such matters as where cyclists should ride and how motorists should behave toward them. Hardly anybody stayed for it, but it was really great.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Ward, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## POLICE REPORT

"Hall, Marc E" <Marc.Hall@louisvilleky.gov> Crescent Hill May 7 09

May 7, 2009 18:23:50EDT

<president@crescenthill.us>

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Burglary:

146 McCready Ave. 4-29 1015 Unk tried to break into window. Damaged window no entry.

3230 Frankfort Ave. 5-2 1800-0800 Unk entered building and spray painted walls and vehicles in parking lot.

Criminal Mischief;

122 Pennsylvania Ave. 4-11 0343 Unk smashed all windows of vehicle

224 S.Galt Ave. 4-9 2000 Unk smashed windshield of vehicle

201 Cannons Ln. 4-9 2200-0700 Known male slashed tires

150 N.Galt Ave. 4-11 2215 Juveniles broke out garage windows

201 Crescent Ave. 4-12 1556 Unk pried open car door

205 Idlewylde Dr. 4-10 1500 Unk broke out garage windows

3202 Frankfort Ave. 4-22 0030 Vic told suspect he was to drunk to drive and he busted her headlights and taillights and rammed her vehicle with his.

141 N. Peterson Ave. 4-22 1410 juveniles broke out garage windows and were caught. Looks like they were also responsible for surrounding area mischief.

Theft:

200 Crescent Ave. 4-12 1610 Vic let known drug dealer borrow his car for an hour. Suspect still has not returned. 4-11 2100-0930 Veh broken into stereo stolen

217 Crescent Ct.

113 Kennedy Ave. 4-11 0845 2 unl vehicles gone through "running shoes" taken.

3219 Marion Ct. 3-30 Vic was in Paris found someone from California using her credit card.

218 S. Bayly Ave. 4-22 2000 Ashtray taken fm unl vehicle. Last month Sirius radio taken from her unl vehicle. 1354 Vic states workers stole her coeds.

220 masonic Home Dr. 4-25

214 S. Bayly Ave. 4-22 1430 \$43.00 cash taken fm unl vehicle

2900 Springdale Rd. 4-25 2100-1500 Unk broke into veh stole \$100.00 in tools.

Frankfort & N. Hite Ave. 4-29 0001-0200 Vic chained his bike to a rack and went to the bar came back and it was gone.