

CRESCENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Pres. Jerry Fielden, at Field School rather than the Peterson-Dumesnil House because it was the Dessert with the Mayor night. Secretary Joe Ward determined that a quorum was present, and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry appointed Judy Sanders chair of the membership committee. "She's been recording members all this year," Jerry said, and "I kept after her" until she finally agreed to take the chair's job.

First Vice Pres. Greg Smith moved that the council donate \$500 to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in appreciation for the traffic work done by deputies in connection with the 4th of July event. The work the deputies did would have cost more than \$500 if the council had hired it done, he said, and the council wants to be able to "count on their support next year." Greg noted that the proposed expenditure is large enough that it requires a one-meeting waiting period for approval. It will be taken up again at the next meeting.

Greg also moved, on behalf of Brian Butler, that the council set up a fund to receive donations to cover expenses for creating an emergency exit from Reservoir Park. The council will just collect donations for the fund. If they are never spent, they'll be returned to the donors. Melissa Mershon seconded the motion, and it carried.

Next Greg made a motion for CJ Parrish, who also was somewhere struggling to make it to the meeting. He moved that the council sponsor the United Crescent Hill Ministries' Santa Sprint at the \$300 level. Cynthia Thomas suggested \$300 sounded a little light for such a worthy cause. Brian Butler, who had meanwhile arrived, said it is indeed less than we usually give to the Santa Sprint. But he noted that the 4th of July event, which usually provides extra cash for such donations, was a near disaster this year because of the heat, and the council's reserves are unusually low.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Brian Butler stepped up to give the treasurer's report. But he discovered that, in his struggle to get to the meeting, he'd forgotten to bring the report he had prepared. But he promised it would be attached to the minutes, which it is (see below).

Melissa suggested it might be time for the council to think up some other fund raisers to bring in money for community projects. The 4th event and membership dues provide the bulk of the budget. There was agreement that other fundraisers would be a good idea. And Melissa suggested that all members talk to their neighbors and get them to join, thus pushing up the revenue. It was agreed that would be good, too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry announced that the next council meeting will be Oct. 4 at UCHM, because the PD House has a paying customer that night.

Kathy Schmitt, the council's liaison to the Frankfort Avenue Business Association, said FABA has a lot going on involving the launch of a new membership campaign around a new logo -- "The Avenue." A

big launch party at the PD House will have passed by the time you read this. The launch includes a new map of The Avenue, from Shelbyville Road to River Road. Businesses can pay \$50 to get on the map, \$150 for an enhanced listing. There is a special price of \$50 for churches and similar groups. "The idea is to bring people to Frankfort Avenue and Crescent Hill," she said.

FABA puts on such events as the Old Tyme Christmas and the Easter Parade. Non-business people are invited to support the effort by joining Friends of Frankfort Avenue, for \$25. For that purpose, there's a form to be found at www.frankforave.com on the Internet.

Field School Principal Deborah Rivera welcomed the council and its members to the school, and made a pitch for contributions of old Field report cards, newsletters and such that people in the neighborhood might find in their attics. The school is looking for such artifacts to display at its 100th anniversary in 2015, she said.

SPIRIT OF CRESCENT HILL AWARDS

Since 1998, Greg said, the council has recognized outstanding citizens and businesses with special awards noting their contributions to the neighborhood.

He presented the first of this year's award to Judy Gogan, a member of the Peterson-Dumesnil Foundation Board of Directors. Judy has been involved all over the neighborhood, since moving to Crescent Hill from the Highlands some years ago. She has perhaps been most visible in the Crescent Hill Garden Club, through which she has secured 10 gardens for the group's annual fund-raising garden tour. She helped develop the wedding garden, which is a major draw at the PD House and was involved in placing the urns at the entrance to Crescent Hill on Grinstead Drive. She worked with the Kennedy Park restoration and has been behind the scenes in many good deeds. "She has dignity, poise and integrity," Greg said, and she's "always kind and pleasant."

Dee Allen was the second person to receive this year's award. She is interim editor of the Crescent Hill Community Council Newsletter. She's been a "whirlwind of generating ideas" since she moved to the neighborhood six years ago, Greg said. She was district Rep. from the Kennedy district and organized a block party on Kennedy Court that is now an annual event. She was social committee chair and has helped with the 4th of July event, providing breakfast for artists and helping to find lodging for those from out of town. The Kentucky Festivals & Events Association chose her 4th of July event postcard design as a winner in 2010. And she won the Crescent Hill's Best Dessert contest so many times she removed herself from the contest. Dee couldn't attend the meeting to accept the award because she was off volunteering elsewhere, Greg said, so Darrell Anne Driskill accepted it for her.

Second Vice President Barry Creech announced the next two spirit awards. Michael and Leslie Summers have lived in Crescent Hill for more than 50 years, he said, and Leslie is a third generation Crescent Hillian. They were the first resident managers of the PD House after the council became involved with it in 1977. Leslie recalls washing all of the curtains and washing all of the floors on her hands and knees. Michael buffed all of the floors, wrestling a huge buffer around. Leslie said the couple enjoyed hosting parties and events at the house, and having an opportunity to meet and associate with so many people in the community.

Lexie's Trading Post, 2224 Frankfort Ave., was the first business winner of the 2012 awards. Karen and Gary Crook, have both been involved with the 4th of July event, where they provide a free booth for children, for several years. They have offered discounts to 4th of July volunteers and donated special items to various council events. Karen took Cabrina Bosco to meet other merchants when she was seeking support for the Outdoor Cinema. Even though it's a tad across the line in Clifton neighborhood, "Lexie's is enhancing the Crescent Hill corridor," Barry said.

Jerry stepped up to announce the next awards, including the second business -- Carmichael's Bookstore, which has one of its two Louisville stores at 2720 Frankfort Ave. Jerry noted that it is a rare thing to have a neighborhood bookstore. Carmichael's, in fact, is an independent bookstore, and there are now only five others in the state. The audience applauded that. The company has provided gift certificates for the garden tour, the home tour and other neighborhood fundraisers, Jerry said. "In fact for just about everything." That drew chuckles.

The store was an early supporter of the trolley that hauls participants in the 4th of July events, and has participated in all sorts of neighborhood activities. And that's in addition to serving as a cultural attraction, offering good books, cards and newspapers, and bringing in distinguished authors that draw crowds that wind out the door. *Publisher's Weekly* named Carmichael's Bookseller of the Year in 2009, and the New York Times has said it is a place visitors to Louisville should be sure to see, Jerry said. He said that's good for Crescent Hill. "People like to live in a neighborhood with a bookstore," he said.

Carol Besse, who owns the company with her husband, Michael Boggs, said the two appreciate being appreciated. "When you choose to buy books from us," she said, "that means we will be there. We really appreciate this award as much as the national award we got."

Finally, Jerry called out Norma Adam's name. Her Crescent Hill roots include a father who worked at the Louisville Water Co.'s pumping station for 50 years. She also married a boy she met on Stiltz Avenue, and with whom she attended Barrett Middle School. She became involved with the Louisville Historical League, which met at the PD House and soon found herself on the PD House Foundation board. One of the first tasks she oversaw was replacing the "terrible looking carpet that went up the stairs," Jerry said. He said she was involved in the major fundraising that has gone on to restore the house, about \$200,000 since 2000. She decided to retire last year after 12 years on the board, but still checks in on neighborhood events. "You're the spirit we're looking for," Jerry told Norma.

BEST DESSERT AWARD

Tasters agreed that, though there was many a sweet concoction in the Dessert with the Mayor contest, none was better than Kathy King's apple pie, which was served up in an iron skillet. Jerry presented her a special fancy-bordered certificate, which read:

CRESCENT HILL'S BEST DESSERT 2012

W HEREAS the recipient of this award has risen to the occasion of a visit to CRESCENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL by the Honorable GREG FISCHER, mayor of Metropolitan Louisville, managing with a delectable and toothsome offering indeed to honor HIZZONER – a CRESCENT HILLIAN no doubt in spirit – be it hereby resolved that said recipient is Crescent Hill's 2012 DESSERT CHAMPION, and we of the council consider the dish itself our JUST DESSERTS.

It came with a gold "Official Seal of Excellence" sticker with ribbons protruding from under it, and Jerry signed at the bottom as council president.

The meeting adjourned precisely at 8 p.m., and was followed by a talk and question and answer period with Mayor Fischer, and then by a short address from Steve Imhoff, a former council president who is just finishing up several years as school board representative from the part of Louisville that represents Crescent Hill.

Joe Ward
Secretary

CHCC Account Balances Report - As of 8/31/2012:2
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Account	7/31/2012 Balance	8/31/2012 Balance
Bank Accounts		
CHCC ACCOUNT	23,359.57	22,558.73
CHCC CD	1,127.03	1,127.03
CHCC Forum Inc	9,206.57	9,881.32
CHCC Forum Tree Fund	619.81	619.81
Kennedy Court Park (Forum)	2,742.10	2,742.10
TOTAL Bank Accounts	37,055.08	36,928.99
OVERALL TOTAL	37,055.08	36,928.99

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CHCC Monthly Spending Report - Last month:2
8/1/2012 through 8/31/2012

Category Description	8/1/2012- 8/31/2012
INCOME	
Advertising Income	849.00
Cash Bank	165.00
CHAMF Income	
Fun Run	1,459.25
TOTAL CHAMF Income	1,459.25
Interest Inc	5.35
Outdoor Cinema	38.00
Public Donation	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,616.60
EXPENSES	
Block Party	50.00
CHAMF	
Art Fair	106.19
Fun Run	61.50
Site	700.00
TOTAL CHAMF	867.69
Printing	
Newsletter	1,825.00
TOTAL Printing	1,825.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,742.69
OVERALL TOTAL	-126.09