

Monthly Thurman Square Civic Association
Meeting MINUTES –
August 18th, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Church For All People - 946 Parsons Avenue

1. 6:30 p.m. Deb Roberts called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone (26 in attendance). Everyone had an opportunity introduced themselves to the others. Announced next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. A meeting location to be announced. (It will be at Columbus Metropolitan Library | Parsons Branch | 845 Parsons Ave. | Columbus, OH 43206.)
2. Ganthers Place's 11th Annual Garden Tour is Sunday, July 26th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be 7 gardens and 3 Healthy Homes on the tour. The tour begins and ends at Ganthers Park for All People which is at 566 Reinhard Avenue.
3. Leah Moehlman spoke about how together we can stop slumlords, increase our quality-of-life and increase property values by amending the Municipal Code strengthening the nuisance abatement sections of the Code. This amendment will be “city-wide”. Please share with your friends throughout Columbus.

The amendments would include the following measures:

- 1) Expand upon the current state law the definition of a chronic public nuisance to include violent and drug offenses in the City Chronic Nuisance Abatement Law.
 - 2) Establishing a graduated category of chronic nuisance activity, and
 - 3) Providing for greater penalties and remedies for nuisance violations.
4. Announcements from the Floor:
 - 1) Edgewood Civic - July 26th - Dine with the 11th Precinct, Residents invited, bring a covered dish. Casual conversation with Police. Corpus Christie (1111 E. Stewart).
 - 2) Edgewood Civic & South Central Commons are teaming up for National Night Out August 4th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Corpus Christie Sports Field (1111 E. Stewart). They are taking donations for a bounce slide house (\$140.00). There will also be face painting, Bikes for All People (minor repairs – free), Columbus Fire and Police Departments will be on hand (pending no emergencies) and the best food ever complete with a DJ!
 - 3) Edgewood Civic – August 15th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Edgewood Community Covered Dish BBQ.
 - 4) 2015 South Side Housing Expo – South High School - September 20th 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Come join us for a celebration of the wonderful community and great things happening on the South Side. Connect with resources, tools, and organizations that help us make the South Side shine.
 - 5) Jo Ann St. Clair, South Side Pride Center Center Manager:
 - I. The Ribbon Cutting for the Reeb Center is September 25, 2015.
 - II. The Pride Center will be moving to Reeb in early September. The Pride Center at Barack hosts the Pride Team meetings on the first three Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. and the 4th Friday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. In attendance, generally, are Code Enforcement Officers, Nurse and Social Worker from Columbus Public Health and occasionally the Police liaisons from the 11th and 13th precincts. The Pride Center is a place where you can make contact with Pride Team staff to meet one on one.

5. Commissioner Charlie Loutzenhiser invited everyone to attend the South Side Area Commission which is held 4th Tuesday of the month at Barack Recreation Center, 580 E. Woodrow Avenue at 7:00 p.m. The Public Services Committee of CSSAC recently hosted a meeting with City Councilman Shannon Hardin to discuss street conditions and other service issues of our area. He also encourages people to attend PSC's monthly meetings, the 2nd Thursday of the month at Barack Recreation Center, 580 E. Woodrow Avenue.
6. Dan Noble and Rob Ferguson from Verizon spoke on the "Verizon Cell Tower" application. Verizon seeks to place a cell tower on the Corpus Christie Church property which is located within Thurman Square Civic Association boundaries. Here are a few of the highlights:
 - Tower 92 feet tall. No light on top. Monopole with only 1 other cell company able to rent from the tower. Antenna section will be enclosed, and a large American flag will be hung from the tower so it will simply look like a large flag pole. The tower will have a ground light to light the flag. It will be designed so the flag can be lowered to ½ mast. Verizon to provide 2 flags. Example can be seen on the west side of 315 North at the Akerman Exit. Land Lease funds will remain at the Corpus Christie Church and not to the main Dioceses. This tower will improve call connection in the area.
 - If all required approvals, by all divisions of the City and the FCC required, are met; the estimated time to erect the tower takes 3-4 weeks. There is a long approval/application process so it may be 2017 before the tower is actually erected.
 - Motion to take a vote to recommend to the Columbus South Side Area Commission, that we approve Verizon's intention to build this cell tower with the conditions they spoke of, was made by Ted Welch and the motion was 2nd by Mike Williams. The vote was 14-yes, in favor; 1-no, against; 1-abstained.
7. Everyone was invited to have after meeting "fellowship" at Tee Jay's immediately following the meeting. (10 people did attend)
8. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, and it was 2nd.

7:55 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

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