

**North Avondale Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting  
February 12, 2008**

**Call to Order:**

President Yosmali called to order the meeting at 7:35p.m. at the North Avondale recreation center.

**Executive Board Members/Committee Chairs & Administrator Present:**

President Tim Yosmali, Frank New Bauer, John Jones, Michelle Baxter, Fred Fagan, Ursula Hassel, Pauline Daly, Gerry and Marvin Kraus and Charlene Morse.

**Minutes Approval:**

- **Motion made by Charlene Morse to approve the January General minutes.**
- **Julie Fatora, Director of The North Avondale Recreation Center made a change to the recorded minutes because the date was incorrect. The correct date for the Walk-A-Thon will be held on August 9, 2008 not January 26<sup>th</sup>, which was recorded. Michelle Baxter, Recording Secretary made the correction.**
- **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ursula Hassel to approve the minutes.**
- **Unanimously Passed.**

**Renew The Zoo:**

A presentation was given by Stacy Barnes to renew the zoo levy on March 4, 2008. He stated that there would be a slight increase (within the rate of inflation). The owner of a \$100,000 home will pay \$9.44 per year beginning in 2009. The 2004, owner of the same home paid \$9.12 per year. The levy funds can only be used for the feeding and care of the animals, horticulture and building maintenance and repair. The Hamilton County Commissioners Portune, Pepper and Dewine have given their support in backing Issue 17. The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens has over 42,000 family memberships and more than 1,000 volunteers. The Zoo provides an annual economic impact of \$124.6 million, an increase of more than 41% since 2001, according to the University of Cincinnati Economics Center for Education and Research. The Zoo is an irreplaceable educational asset to Hamilton County. It hosts the country's first full-time, college preparatory Zoological High School. More than 300,000 people participate in the Zoo Education programs each year. The Zoo is a world-leader in conservation programs, and the propagation of endangered animals and plants. The Zoo is proud to announce a new exhibit for "Feeding the Giraffes" funded by the Dobbs Foundation. For more information on how to help renew the levy please contact [www.friendsofthecincinnati.org](http://www.friendsofthecincinnati.org). Please vote "yes" on issue 17 to support the Cincinnati Zoo. If you are interested in volunteering, want a yard sign to support issue 17, or to make a generous donation, please call 513-475-6171.

**Cincinnati Public School Board:**

Melanie Bates and Eileen Cooper-Reed asked for North Avondale's support on passing the School Levy on March 4, 2008. Cincinnati School Board needs support for adding additional money for higher education within city schools. They are currently in the process of hiring a new superintendent. They propose to cut the budget by 10%, which would be almost \$40 million a year by 2012. We are "Proud of Cincinnati Schools" vote yes to support the levy.

**City Service Report:**

**Police:**

The Police Report from District 4 was given. Many Board members discussed with Police the series of break-in occurring throughout the neighborhood between the mid-night and 4a.m while residents

are sleeping. The Police are hopeful to catch this guy. They have added extra patrol cars to the area. More details to follow at the next meeting by the neighborhood officer Jana Cruse.

#### **North Avondale Recreation Center:**

Julie Fatora Director of North Avondale Recreation Center presented the updated schedule of activities and programs. For more information contact Julie The North Avondale Recreation Center.

#### **Avon Woods:**

Olivia Gennett, a naturalist, presented several events and dates that will be conducted by Cincinnati Nature Centers. A workshop on planting and feeding native “Bamboo” will be held on February 16, 2008 at 10:30a.m. in California Woods Park. Mt. Airy Forest Park will hold a workshop on Maple Trees and their syrup on March 1, 2008. Hot pancakes will be served following the session but a reservation is required. The cost will be \$7.00 per person. On March 8th at 11:00a.m. Mt. Airy Forest Park will also offer a workshop on getting your dog certified to become a therapy dog to help grieving patients in hospitals around the city.

#### **Paddock Hills “Minimum Security Jail” proposal:**

Gerry Kraus, City Liaison has been overseeing the jail proposal and how it would negatively impact North Avondale and the surrounding neighborhoods. President Tim Yosmali invited Donald Swain the President of Paddock Hills Community Council and resident Maureen Mello to attend the general meeting to discuss their communities’ position on the “minimum security jail” in Paddock Hills.

- **Motion was made by Gerry Kraus to support Paddock Hills and their 3,000 households to oppose the minimum security jail. Gerry asks that North Avondale support and stand with Paddock Hills because we oppose the zoning change for this jail. A letter is to be written to Neil Tillow , President of The Talbert House and The Hamilton County Commissioners Portune, Pepper and Dewine expressing our support for Paddock Hills position and that North Avondale strongly opposes this “minimum security jail” because it violates the city of Cincinnati zoning code.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Baxter**
- **Unanimously Passed.**

#### **Peddler and Vender Ordinance:**

- **Marvin Kraus, Legal Chair made a motion for Charlene Morse, NANA’s Editor & Administrator to send an e-mail to urge City Council to pass an Emergency City Ordinance 3-2008-00154 Ordinance, dated 2-08-08, to be submitted by Cecil Thomas modifying CMC 839-“Peddlers and Itinerant Venders” by amending existing 839-11, Street Sales – General, “ further enacting 839-15 -Time restrictions in residential neighborhoods.**
- **Marvin also requests that when this is passed by council, Charlene Morse sends a copy to Captain Isaac of District 4 and is to give an update at the next general meeting.**
- **Unanimously Passed.**

#### **New Business**

Nominating Committee was discussed.

#### **Old Business:**

Old Business was discussed.

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.**

**Michelle Baxter, Recording Secretary**