

Carthage Civic League Public Meeting

November 21, 2022

7:30pm Carthage Christian Church & Zoom

Present: Joe Nava, Maria Madera, Jessica Wolf, Barbara Bell, Mary Broughton, Cherri McIntire, Carol Parsley, Rosalba Arreaga, Ella Wooten

Excused:

Absent:

Guest: Kwahyia Jones from the Mayor's office - not present

Thanks to Barbara for providing the refreshments.

Fire Report:

- Not present

Police Report: Officer Patrice Brooks

513-569-8677 patrice.brooks@cincinnati-oh.gov 7am-9am in office, in field until 1:30pm

- Uptick in robberies, especially targeting the Hispanic community.
- Be aware of your surroundings, and don't go walking at night alone.
- Do not keep valuables in vehicles.
- Robberies have not been solved, although descriptions of suspects are the same in most reports. Undercover officers are investigating.
- Lock garages and secure belongings.
- Several calls to the Red Room Hookah Bar. Vice has been involved and investigating. There is no liquor license at that location, but liquor sales seem to be occurring.
- Call and email District 4 or City Hall to get more officers patrolling the area
- Captain trying to get more traffic enforcement happening on Vine St and Paddock Rd.
- Cameras are helpful to get information about criminals, although may not always be a deterrent. Sharing images with police officers and on social media can help identify suspects.

- The public can contact Detail Coordination of the Police Department to hire off-duty officers to do detail at a specific location.

Secretary:

- Meeting minutes are posted on the website.
- Helpful tools and links are available within the documents.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer Report
 - Balance: September 30, 2022 26,653.77
 - Income: 65.00
 - Expenses: 360.06
 - Balance: October 31, 2022 26,358.71
 - Full Report available here
- **Duke Energy Bill**
 - Duke has switched billing systems and some customers have been double-billed. Be aware and check your bills.
- **NAF**
 - Current budget for \$16,100
 - Some spent funds still need to be added to spreadsheet
 - Approx. \$8500 left to spend
 - Budget Proposals for upcoming events
- **NSP**
 - 2023 - nearly \$10,000
 - Vote for funds will be held at December's meeting

Beautification:

- Clean up this Saturday, Nov. 26, if weather permits
 - Meet at Carthage School at 9:00am

- Illegal dumping on vacant lot at the corner of Fairpark and 69th. Asking residents to report this on [311Cincy](#)

Business District:

- **Talbert House** - support letter & Good Neighbor agreement
 - Sent draft to board and committee for approval before Monthly meeting
 - [Click here to view draft](#)
 - Asking community to review draft and send feedback/concerns to CivicLeague@CarthageOhio.com
 - Letter of support no longer needed because TH has received funding
 - Will inform Jessica Powell about vote held in Oct. when we present the Good Neighbor Agreement
- **Archdiocese Lots Purchase** - Joe
 - Environmental Scan Update - needs to be paid for by city
 - Title Company--RE agent highly recommends a survey so will have clean titles.
 - Conversation with Elizabeth Bartley - Joe
 - Talk about having a Carthage Community Center
 - Joe suggests we form a committee for proposals for grants
- **Traffic Calming** - Deb Zureick
 - Vine Street issue of parked cars repeatedly being crashed into
 - Waiting for City to collect and analyze data before deciding further action. ([See email for details](#))
 - CCL will continue to support and back up efforts to have the issue addressed by the City.
 - Petition for street cushions on Fairpark has been submitted to Traffic Engineering

- Neighbor concerns with Red Room Hookah Bar. Shooting, property damage, possible illegal sales of alcohol.
- **Upcoming events**
 - Mujeres Hispanas/Latinas de Carthage
 - Tuesday, Nov. 29, 10:30am at Carthage Christian Church
 - The goal is to ask women about how they'd like to be involved in the community, and how CCL can help get them included.
 - Family Movie Night
 - Sunday, Dec. 18, 2-5pm at William Frances Theatre
 - Free for everyone
 - Children must be accompanied by adult
 - Popcorn, drinks, snacks
 - December meeting
 - Monday, Dec. 19, 6:30pm
 - catered dinner
 - Door prizes
 - Short meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Jessica Wolf

Attendance On Zoom:

Florence Parker

Cherri McIntire

Ann Ivancic

Bob Hartlaub

Ella Wooten