



**ROSELAWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MEMBERS
APRIL 10, 2003**

Introduction of New Attendees

City Council Member Pat DeWine introduced himself and explained that he wanted to attend the meeting because he had been unable to attend our Neighborhood Days Tour.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 13 and March 13, 2003, meetings were approved without change.

Fire Report

Just as Firefighter Daniels rose to begin his report, the firefighters received notice of a run. On his way out the door, Firefighter Daniels reminded us to change the batteries in our smoke detectors.

Police Report

Specialist Dukes discussed the Brookcrest area block watch meeting held immediately before the RCC meeting, as well as the meetings held in other areas of the community. He also mentioned the many efforts of Ed Moser, who offered to those present his services to install motion detector lights. He also provided the written crime statistics. There was a discussion of signs posted illegally on telephone poles, with Mr. DeWine explaining the recent change in law to permit citations for those illegally posting the signs as well as the entity whose event or product is advertised.

Life Skills of Hamilton County

Paul Jungkunz discussed Life Skills, which recently opened at 7710 Reading Road. Children who have not succeeded in traditional schools for any one of a variety of reasons have an opportunity to earn a diploma. Each child can learn at his or her own pace working solely with a computer. The school also helps them with their personal issues, including child care needs and special education needs. The children can take as long as necessary to finish. Life Skills will have an open house on April 30 from 3:00-7:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee

Steve Kirschner reported that we have six trustee positions expiring. The Nominating Committee will be nominating for election for a term expiring in 2006 Ruby Metts, Alycia Boggs, Dan Joyner, Nancy Sunnenberg, Chuck Lewis and Tamara Johnson, and Rick Menefield will be nominated to fill the vacancy in the term expiring in 2004 created by the recent resignation of Sonya Kirkland, who recently resigned due to other obligations. Tamara Johnson, the only nominee who was not already a trustee, introduced herself, explaining that she teaches science at Woodward High School, is married with two children and lives on Eastlawn.

The Nominating Committee is nominating for re-election Paul Probst as President, Steve Kirschner as Vice President and Chuck Lewis as Treasurer. The Committee is still looking for someone to serve as Secretary. The election will be next month. Nominations from other members must be submitted no later than 14 days before the meeting.

Neighbor Network Grant

Nancy Sunnenberg had put together a grant application for trees to be installed at Roselawn Park. Paul described the application in detail, including the varieties of trees to be purchased. The total cost is estimated to be \$5,200, but the maximum grant is \$1,000. We will plant what we can with whatever grant we receive. Upon a motion made by Steve Kirschner and duly seconded, Roselawn residents and business representatives present voted to approve the submission of the grant application with a vote of 29 in favor, none against and two abstaining.

School Level

Donald Spencer, Bill Berger and Harriet Russell spoke in favor of the Cincinnati Public Schools bond levy that will be on the May 2003 ballot. Steve Kirschner provided arguments against the levy. By a vote of those present, Ms. Russell was allowed two minutes for rebuttal.

Announcements

Mr. Probst announced that the Annual Meeting of Members of the RCC and election of trustees and officers will be held at the May 8, 2003, meeting of the RCC at 7:30 p.m., at Our Mother of Sorrows, that Smart Money will come next month and that we will have museum representatives at the June meeting. Various streets in Roselawn, listed by Mr. Probst, will be rehabilitated this year. April Amnesty regarding junk cars was discussed. The Great American Cleanup is on April 26, 9:30 until noon, commencing at the library, and will also include some cleanup at the arches at Rosecliff and Reading.

RCC Progress Report

Ms. Shafer provided reports on various matters occurring over the previous month. She listed the members of City Council present or represented by staff at the Neighborhood Days Tour and expressed the opinion that it went very well.

She also summarized that the City of Cincinnati is considering annexing part of the Sycamore Township property located on the northern edge of Roselawn at the request of a developer who wants to build condominiums and that the RCC Board of Trustees voted to voice disapproval of the annexation based upon a number of concerns.

Ms. Shafer reported that the City's new zoning code has been proposed and that we were provided with a proposed new zoning map. Those present were invited to look at the map after the meeting.

Finally, Ms. Shafer reported that City Council would file an objection to the liquor permit application of Mr. Emetu for his store located at 7895 Reading Road, as requested by the RCC on the basis of oversaturation.

Committee Reports

Business: Diane Mitchell reported that the next meeting of the Roselawn Business Association would occur on April 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Rare Elegance, 7655 Reading Road. She stated that among matters to be discussed at the meeting was the dramatic increase in street vendors selling their products in Roselawn.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Cynthia A. Shafer, Secretary