

Housing CAT Minutes: March 20th, 2007

Attendance: Steven Schoonover, Pat Bruns, Sister Sally Duffy, Ken Smith, Matt Strauss, Todd Blersch, Tom Gamel, Pete Witte, Max Hofmeyer, Frank Hollister, Barb Niehaus, Mark Brunner, H.A. Musser, Kathryn Ann Connelly, Kim Lan

1. No Conflicts
2. Minutes Approved
3. **Rutledge Property**

Summary: Price Hill Will has the opportunity to act as plaintiff in a receivership case for three buildings on Rutledge Avenue. Some details of the property are:

- 21 units
- Same owner as the Dewey and Glenway demolished property
- Every radiator has been torn out
- Copper has been cut out

The plan is to have the property declared a public nuisance. If PHW agrees, the organization will act merely as a plaintiff. Max Hofmeyer will be appointed receiver and redevelop the building with the intention of taking possession of the property through the courts.

Jeff Cramerding moved to file a public nuisance complaint and Sister Barbara Busch seconded. The group vote was unanimous.

4. Cedar Grove Update

Summary Highlights:

- 850 Academy is finished/occupied.
- 1132 Seton is 2/3 finished with construction. Beauty CAT will be landscaping the property with local volunteers.
- 1023 Seton lead work is complete and construction has begun.

5. Whittier Gardens

Summary: The HDAP application for funding is still processing, though unofficial reports suggest that it “looks good”. The PHW strategy is to target 10 houses with this funding.

The Land Foundation is constructing a plan for Whittier Gardens. If the HDAP funding comes through, PHW will also receive the donation of 955/957 Woodlawn from Mike Birchak.

- Also, 1008 Purcell has been identified by the Cincinnati Building Department as a public nuisance and is slated to be demolished.

6. Kroger Update

Summary: Kroger has agreed to meet with EPHIA to discuss changing the construction plans.

7. Wilsonia Update:

Summary: The City has approved receivership money for this property. The check will be forthcoming and construction will begin when it arrives.

8. Home-Ownership Preservation Group:

Summary: The group continues to meet every fourth Monday of the month at United Way. The group is beginning to negotiate with various lenders.

There is also a need for mappings of foreclosure areas and other research data. Ken will be talking with CBI.

9. Place Matters Update:

Summary: Liz Blume and Byron White met with funders. Liz is writing a report with information on funders and their positions. This report will be ready on April 1st or so.

10. Home Improvement Blitz:

Summary: May 19th from 10-1pm. It will be held at the REC Center on Hawthorne Ave.

Home Depot has agreed to support this event. The theme will be code compliance.

11. New Business:

Presentation from “Fostering Your Families Future”. The PHW position is that quality rental housing is good for Price Hill.

Minutes by Steven Schoonover
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