

**NEWPORT, KY**  
**EAST·ROW**  
**HISTORIC FOUNDATION**

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 5th, Social Time 6:30 PM & Meeting Start 7:00 PM  
*St. John's Church 415 Park Avenue Newport, KY & Zoom Available*

1. Call to Order and Welcome – 2 min
  - Greetings to New Neighbors and Attendees
2. Approval of February 2024 and Special meeting minutes
  - Motion to approve the meeting minutes approved by John Vicory, seconded by Charla Haley and approved by all.
3. Committee Reports
  - Police / Fire Report
    - Police - Not present
    - Fire - Welcomed three new EMTs and announced the remodeling of the firehouse's second floor
  - Dog Park
    - Announced Brick Madness fundraiser through March 31<sup>st</sup> to support and maintain the dog park. Encourage all users in the community to purchase a brick.
  - Social Committee
    - Planning a Spring Block Party for April 20<sup>th</sup>. The precise location is still being determined.
    - The Summer 2024 Block Party on the 600 block of Monroe is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Welcoming Committee
    - Successful New Neighbor Welcome Party held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. About a dozen new neighbors attended.
    - Planning two more gatherings this year sometime in June and October. Stay tuned to the Listserv for the dates.
  - Nominations Committee
    - Motion to approve the slate of board member nominees as proposed by the Nominations Committee last month made by Dave Winters
      - Chair – Jason Kramb
      - Mansion Hill Rep – Katie Kolpin-Gustafson
      - Gateway Rep – Beau Bramer
      - Treasurer – Nicole Keys
      - Secretary – Jeff Hemm
    - Motion seconded by Lynn Schaber, and approved by all.
  - Philanthropy Committee
    - Applications received for annual charitable giving and will be voted on next month:
      - a. NKY Restoration Weekend - asking for \$2,500 to help support the event planned on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
      - b. Newport History Walk - asking for \$2,500 to expand the app, digitize existing histories and add additional tour spots.
      - c. Mentoring Plus - asking for \$2,500 to expand their summer program with the goal of empowering disadvantaged youth and their families.

- d. Faith Community Pharmacy - asking for \$5,000 to support their pharmacy for the disadvantaged who cannot afford medications.
- e. Newport Parks Renaissance Commission - asking for \$2,000 to continue their mission of improving local parks.
- f. Newport Aquarium - asking for \$2,000 to help fund their 2024 River Sweet cleanup event.
- g. East Row Garden Club - asking for \$8,500 to fund the expansion of the community garden in Providence Park, adding raised beds accessible to handicapped individuals and new aluminum fencing around the garden space.
- h. Newport Foundation - asking for \$2,500 to support the revitalized "Wheels on Monmouth" car show on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, which brings 200+ vehicles to Newport, along with additional traffic to local business.
- Jason will distribute applications over Listserv, as well as new scoring criteria developed by Kelli VanDussen and the Philanthropy Committee

#### 4. Officer Reports

- Mansion Hill/Gateway Representative Report
  - Two appointments made to the tree board.
  - Public discussion regarding noise and the weekend incident at a Jerry's Jughouse.
  - Comments around pedestrian safety focusing on Washington and 10<sup>th</sup> street.
  - Passed annual housekeeping update to code of ordinances.
  - First readings to clean up language and grammar of zoning ordinances, non-conforming use, what buildings can be used for in historical districts and specifically adding tattoo studios to allowable uses.
  - Industrial Revenue Bond for 10 hundred block of Ann. Developer has 11 lots and 1 home currently on the block. Looking for funding to build 11 and renovate the one house. The city doesn't incur debt, passes onto the developer.
  - Industrial Revenue Bonds for Ovation, phase three, third building of apartments and townhomes.
- Treasurer's Report
  - February Balance Sheet \$161,804.78
  - Motion to approve the February treasurer's reports was made by John Vicory, seconded by Ruth Mitchell and approved by all.

#### 5. Old Business

- Discussed enhancing relationships with Newport Public School through a new committee or officer position. Board will discuss and propose options. Goal is to have person be a liaison to the School Board, as we have our neighborhood reps as liaisons to City Commissioners.
- Recap of the special meeting held on February 22nd. Statement passed that endorses the letter that the WCC penned to encourage the Board of Commissioners to take a position on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Discussed engaging other organizations for grants to make the 4<sup>th</sup> street bridge everything we want. Submit to city commissioners this week.

#### 6. New Business

- Neighbors questioned on what to do with other funds that the ERHF holds and if we can fund our own projects. Yes, but need ideas! Great deal of interest in establishing fund for historical markers in front of homes, integrating digital tour guides, images, expanding walking tours.

- Short discussion on adding informational meetings before the monthly meeting to educate the community on an array of interesting topics. bring in experts to discuss social security benefits, applying for Medicare. Financial savviness to extend. Historical preservation, DIY things. Will start with April meeting, but open to ideas. 30 min presentation before social time starts.
  - Reminder that street cleaning starts up next week.
7. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn made by Mike Radwanski, seconded by John Vicory and approved by all.