

**Mayfield Village
Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2012**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Chairman Brenda Bodnar presided.

Present:

Brenda Bodnar Chairman
Mary Singer
Merv Singer
Joan Catalano
Lorry Nadeau
Kay Phillips
Shirley Jay
Steve Jerome

Absent:

Tom Marrie Council Representative
Carole Marrie
Sandy Batcheller
Bob Haycox
Joe Doran
Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein

Also Present:

Douglas Metzong, Service Director
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration/Committee Secy.

Mrs. Bodnar opened the meeting and advised that Mr. and Mrs. Marrie would not be in attendance this evening due to the death of a close friend. She also advised that Mr. Piteo and Mr. Schiemann have resigned from the Committee as they continue to have scheduling conflicts and are unable to come to meetings on a regular basis. Mrs. Bodnar asked the members to advise her or Ms. Wolgamuth if they knew of any residents interested in joining the Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bodnar asked if the Committee members had any changes to the Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2012. The Committee had no changes and the Minutes were approved as written.

Senior Programming

Ms. Wolgamuth reported that she and Donna Heath, the Senior Programming Coordinator, are preparing a memorandum for Council comparing the senior services offered currently by Mayfield Village with the services offered by the Community Partnership on Aging. The memorandum will also include information about services offered through Cuyahoga County and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Wolgamuth stated that the County services are primarily offered only to low-income individuals and are based on a needs assessment and the Western Reserve Agency is a referral service only.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated that she intends to get this information to Council by the end of this week so that this proposal may be discussed at upcoming meetings. Mrs. Bodnar encouraged the members to contact their Council representatives to express their thoughts on this issue.

Rubbish/Recycling Pickup

Service Director Metzung explained to the Committee that he had recently gone to bid for the rubbish and recycling contract. The bids came in lower than our current contract. The base bid is for the same service that the Village provides currently—unlimited weekly pickup and 18 gal. recycling bins.

Additional options were also bid. Option 1 provides for weekly pickup using a 64 gal. recycling cart. Option 2 also requires the 64 gal. cart but provides that recyclables will be collected bi-weekly. Options 3 and 4 provide for a method that includes weighing the amount of trash and recyclables collected. Although the Village could save money on this method, the Finance Director is not in favor of these options. Council has already decided that they prefer to remain with weekly pickup of recyclables to avoid confusion over which is the scheduled week. The debate is whether to use the 64 gal. carts for recycling or keep the 18 gal. bins. Mr. Metzung stated that studies show that as the size of the recycling container increases, residents will recycle more. He believes the best thing to do is promote increased recycling.

Mr. Metzung described that the State previously passed a law requiring communities to decrease their solid waste. We are trying to stay in line with the State of Ohio. If the Village decides to accept the bid with the 64 gal. cart, everyone will have to use it as collection will become automated.

Mrs. Jay asked about disposal of newspapers. Mr. Metzung advised that all recyclables go into the cart together (plastics, paper, glass, cans, cardboard) and that this is a greater convenience for residents.

Mrs. Bodnar asked if the change to carts increases the types of items that can be recycled. Mr. Metzung advised that **all** plastics and paper would be accepted.

Mrs. Bodnar asked what neighboring communities are doing. Mr. Metzung stated that Highland Heights is considering the 64 gal. recycling cart. They are also used in Lyndhurst, Beachwood and Orange Village.

Mrs. Singer asked when the new program would start. Mr. Metzung advised that it would start in June. There will be no change in the company that collects the trash and recyclables. Mr. Metzung also advised that if we switch to the carts, the current 18 gal. bins can be kept or put into the cart to be recycled. Mr. Metzung stated that at his home, he has a recycling cart and bi-weekly pickup. He has found that he recycles much more than he did previously.

Mrs. Singer asked about the cost savings. Mr. Metzung stated that the Village will save money no matter which option is chosen. The greatest savings would come from selecting bi-weekly pickup of recyclables. In addition, Mr. Metzung noted that if the Village chooses to use the 64 gal. cart, a 5-year contract is required. The contractor is providing the carts, so this allows them to recoup that cost.

Mrs. Bodnar asked the Committee for a show of hands. Seven of the eight members present voted for Option 1—weekly pickup of trash and recyclables using the 64 gal. cart.

Mrs. Bodnar asked about the recent ordinance requiring that trash cans be stored in the garage and suggested that residents might have difficulty storing both the trash and recycling carts in their garages. Mr. Metzung advised that the ordinance is currently being reviewed and reconsidered.

Flooding Issues

Mr. Metzung described a Sanitary Sewer Surcharge Policy that is being considered by Council. It is a policy recently adopted in Highland Heights that addresses situations where a resident has a flooding issue caused by too much rain getting into the sanitary sewer system. While that resident is waiting for the system to be replaced or repaired, which may take years, if the resident repairs their system by raising the sewer line or installing a backflow device, the Village will reimburse the resident for the cost up to \$1,500.00. The Village will then be reimbursed by the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer from maintenance fees collected by the County for maintenance of the system. Mr. Metzung stated that the money does not cover any damage caused by the flooding, it is a measure to alleviate the problem.

The policy sets up the payment as a reimbursement so that the repair is owned by the resident rather than the Village. Some language modifications were requested by

Council and Mr. Metzger expects that they will vote to approve the policy at the March meeting. Once passed, residents will be able to apply to the Village for assistance and someone from the Building Department will come to their house to inspect their existing plumbing and advise them what repairs can be done.

Council Report

In Mr. Marrie's absence, Ms. Wolgamuth reported on the following items being addressed by Council:

- Code Red is up and running. Ms. Wolgamuth advised members to sign up on the website or call the Police Department. Detailed information was in the January *Voice of the Village* and is also available on the website.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the final site plans for the Library Project and the Wildcat Park project. They also gave preliminary approval to the East Commons Office Complex on SOM Center and White Roads. These items moved to Council's agenda. Council approved the Wildcat Park project the same night so the School District could start work immediately to meet their construction deadline of Fall 2012. The Library project is scheduled to be voted on at the March 19th meeting.
- Council has spent a substantial amount of time reviewing financial reports and the 2012 Budget as well as discussing the trash and recycling bid.
- Many ordinary expenditures were addressed at the last Council meeting, including equipment purchases, hydrant fees, HVAC maintenance, the yearly workers' compensation assessment, etc.
- Council approved the replacement of the Village's main server which is over 7 years old.
- Council approved the expenditure for the hanging flower baskets and hay racks for the gazebo.
- Council approved a portable stage floor for Reserve Hall to provide more flexibility to the space.

Upcoming Village Events

Ms. Wolgamuth reported that all upcoming Village events are listed in the *Voice of the Village* and were discussed at the last meeting.

Comments from Members

Mrs. Nadeau commented about a recent robbery on Robley Lane involving the theft of video games.

Mr. Metzung advised that all Highland Road residents are in favor of a sidewalk from I-271 to the underpass and this item has been included in this year's budget.

Mr. Singer stated that the Service Dept. does a great job. Mr. Metzung asked him what he wanted.

Mrs. Singer asked the Committee members if they want to continue to sponsor the Memorial Day ceremony at Whitehaven Cemetery. The Committee voted unanimously to continue and Mrs. Bodnar asked Ms. Wolgamuth to advise Committee members that volunteers will be needed to place flags and assist at the ceremony.

Mrs. Phillips thanked Mr. Metzung for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Jay stated that she went to see Fairmount's production of *The Music Man*. She thought it was fabulous and told Committee members that if they attended next weekend's performances, they would not be disappointed.

Mrs. Jay also stated that she heard the demolition of the old Village Hall was not being scheduled until after Cruise Night. She asked why it was being done so late. Mr. Metzung stated that the Village did not want to take the structures down while school is in session. The Committee agreed that made sense.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Mar 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Bodnar will contact Ms. Wolgamuth about the agenda for that meeting and suggested that an update on crime and robberies in the area might be in order. She asked that members bring their calendars so that meeting dates for April, May and June could be scheduled. She also asked that members bring with them issues and ideas for discussion.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wolgamuth.