



# CITY OF CROSSGATE

PO Box 6423 Louisville, KY 40206

## Meeting Minutes City of Crossgate

VIRTUAL: via zoom meeting room  
Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Opening Ceremonies: Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll call conducted by Recorder at 7:03 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

- ✓ Mayor Kirk Hilbrecht
- ✓ Commissioner Megan Dohn
- ✓ Commissioner Tom Elmes
- ✓ Commissioner Jamie Gerrish
- ✓ Commissioner Chas Krish

Quorum present: ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

Mayor Hilbrecht called the City Commission Meeting to order at: 7:03 p.m.

Others Present:

- np Treasurer Joanie Allgeier
- ✓ Residents/Guests

3. **Approval of the Crossgate Commission Meeting Minutes January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Comments: No comment

Motion introduced by            Commissioner Krish  
Second by                            Commissioner Gerrish

Discussion: No discussion

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
✓		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:                    ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No  
Minutes approved:            ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

**4. Old Business**

- A. Commissioner and Committee Reports
  - i. Treasurer’s Report –*Ms. Joanie Allgeier*

**SUBMISSION TREASURER’S REPORT**

Comments: Treasurer not able to attend this evening, is there a motion to postpone approval of Treasurer’s report until next month?

**MOTION TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S FEBRUARY 2021 REPORT UNTIL MARCH**

Motion introduced by            Commissioner Gerrish  
Second by                        Commissioner Dohn

Discussion: No discussion

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
✓		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:                    ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No  
Motion approved:            ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

**MOTION TO CHANGE AGENDA TO MOVE OPEN FORUM BEFORE COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Motion introduced by            Commissioner Gerrish  
Second by                        Commissioner Krish

Discussion: No discussion

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn

✓		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:                            ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No  
Motion approved:                    ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

## 5. Open Forum.

*NOTE: Neighbors/Guests wishing to speak at the meeting must sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Neighbors/Guests will be limited to approximately 5 minutes of meeting time.*

Comments:

- Larry Kirschenbaum:
  - o Attended the working session, took notes, and there were a number of things to comment on. The question was posed “How did we get here.” How we got here was our friends in the vacant lot in the front at the Interstate. Everything we’ve been doing to fight that has been coming out of our treasurer with little to nothing coming from our neighbors. The healthy budget we had in 2014 went to prevent the VA hospital.
  - o Increasing taxes because we need more revenue is fine, but there also has to be a decrease in expenses. We have to watch how we spend money. For example, it used to be that when it snowed we had to have three inches before it would get plowed. This prior season it was less than that when it got plowed and we got charged for that. It’s little things that add up. And we have to look at those things that make Crossgate a great place to live and support that, but maybe make some changes. Like not paying for mailboxes.
  - o What are you going to do with any monies refunded since we’re so close to the next fiscal year. Instead of taking money out of the budget and take the refund amount and pre-apply to the coming year. Not sure if that is legal according to KRS, but an idea.
  - o The question was asked, “What do Crossgate owners get more of here than other neighborhoods?” We get the same things, but we also don’t think Northfield has a much larger tax base and they have a lot of commercial property. Other places have different tax bases. We may be one of the highest rates, but also the smallest base. We have to ask for more to get all the things done that needs to be done. There’s nothing wrong with that. You have to ask, “Is what we are being charged being used for legitimate reasons in order to keep this city afloat?”
- Irene Yaeger: Why is the VA giving us the middle finger salute because there’s still a lawsuit? (Mayor: the lawsuit is not over) Requested personal conversation with Mayor to talk about the VA. The amount to build has gone up and they do not have all the money. How do we correct the numbers that are being posted publicly? McConnell quoted \$400,000,000 and it’s over a billion.
- Mayor: during the reports if there are other questions, there is still an opportunity to ask.

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#### 4. Old Business

##### A. Commissioner and Committee Reports

- ii. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Elmes  
Street Parking Task Force – w/Bob Elliott***

**Other Committees:** Neighborhood Welcome, Road Signs and Neighborhood Directory  
Committees

Comments:

- The A-Frames will be redone for \$225 and wording kept very simple for announcing meetings. (Mayor: we can include the Facebook page handle for zoom & meeting info)
- Directories waiting on proof (Mayor: couple of revisions and name additions then we'll be ready to go).

- iii. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Dohn  
Good Neighborhood Task Force – w/Bev Meyer and Irene Yeager***

**Other Committees:** Neighborhood Activities, Communications and Neighborhood Online  
Channels Committees (website, social channels)

Comments:

- No activities to report at this time.
- Working on Winter newsletter that will go out via email & mailboxes within 10 days. Will highlight to look for the signs about upcoming meetings.
- The next event would be Easter. Hoping to talk the Mayor and Easter Bunny into doing egg drops again in case there are still COVID restrictions.
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- iv. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Gerrish  
Road Safety/Speeding Task Force -w/J. Hicks***

**Other Committees:** Contracts, Neighborhood Storage and Road Services Committees

Comments:

- Working with the Treasurer on a couple things. Will report when fully resolved.
- Getting more info from LawnCo. on work done not just cost amount listed.
- Working with the road plow on communicating and setting standard on salting and plowing so we do not get charged for work not needed.
  - o (Mike Yaeger) If the guy is plowing without permission, I would hold payment.

- v. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Krish***

### ***Short Term/Temporary Rental Policies Task Force- w/Frank Feger***

#### **Other Committees: Ordinance Review Committee**

##### Comments:

- AT&T putting fiber in our area all the way around our neighborhood. Atty Singler has given me some contracts in case there is any damage done we have some coverage.
  - o (Jodi: Is there a timeframe? Do we have contact info? Krish: it only says upcoming, anticipating work in March that will take a month).
  - o Mike Yaeger: our utilities come in from the back, will the cable come in that way as well? (Krish – it will be in the front yards)
  - o Mayor: Is this something we can discuss with them about running through the front? Send us the plans and we can get those posted as part of the minutes.
- Haven't heard much about surrounding properties except for the VA. Someone from the Louisville Corps of Engineers District has been hired – a mechanical engineer – to supervise their mechanical plant.
- When I covered for Commissioner Kirschenbaum learned there are a couple houses that will be changing hands: 1911, 1919 (vacant house), 1915 – Bannister.

#### **B. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Hilbrecht***

##### ***Neighborhood Walk/ 'Good Will Patrol' Task Force – w/R. Sweeney***

##### Comments:

- VA: The lawsuit is not over. The bid is up and was in the paper. Have not had a chance to talk to the reporter. The lawsuit has not expired. We are still contesting. Prior to the newspaper announcement when Commissioner Krish had notified us of the new hire for the VA at the Corps of Engineers, I had contacted Strobo-Barkley. *Per our conversation this was the following case update: The Federal Lawsuit has been fully briefed. We are awaiting two decisions from the Judge: 1) whether she wants to hear oral arguments and 2) if not, for her to decide the merits of the case. In the meantime, the Court reached out to us to discuss whether they think there is a chance to settle the matter without the Court having to make a decision. We told the Judge on your request, that we are always open to consideration of a settlement offer, but that settlement is not likely under these circumstances. With regard to the construction on the VA property, the VA is still under Court Order to inform us prior to beginning any constructions on the new medical center...we have not received any notices that they are beginning. If we do receive notice, we will let you know immediately to go over options that first and foremost include filing Motion for Temporary Injunction to Stop Construction while the case is pending. Once the Court makes a decision the losing party can file another appeal to the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.*
- Graymoor-Devondale, Northfield, and Old Brownsboro Place collectively put in \$20,000 towards the VA lawsuit.
- (Irene Yaeger) What can we do about all the misinformation out there? (Commissioner Gerrish) Maybe a letter to the Editor? (Mayor) as news reports unfold, I will be talking with the reporter to give our input.
- Will be asking for another public meeting to be updated with the VA.

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**6. New Business**

Comments:

- (Gerrish) When will Artis take down the trees? (Mayor) the project manager has received bids and will be taking trees down by March. The stumps will go away and replaced with poles to keep people from going in the back.

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**7. Announcements**

Comments: No announcements

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**8. Adjournment**

Comments: No comments

Motion introduced by Commissioner Gerrish  
Second by Commissioner Elmes

Discussion: NONE

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
✓		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor: ✓ Yes / \_\_\_No  
Meeting adjourned at: 7:55 p.m.

9. Next meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.