

RESUME

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A long-time resident in Weinland Park, my parents moved into Weinland Park when I was six months old. I moved away for 10 years and returned "home". I retired from employment with the State of Ohio in 2007.

The Weinland Park Community Civic Association was formed and recognized by the City of Columbus in 2004 and to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood, to advocate for the residents, and to represent the residents in the city planning efforts and other major initiatives which would affect the community. Upon the formation of the Weinland Park Community Civic Association in 2004, I served as Vice President. In 2008 I was elected as President of the Weinland Park Community Civic Association.

During my presidency, committees were formed such as: Housing; Safety; Communication; Land Use; Health & Wellness; Festival/National Night Out which holds an annual festival and National Night Out; as well as Beautification which holds an annual "Roots & Roofs" event. The new Kroger Store at 7th & High was built with community input.

Most eventful initiatives:

HOUSING: Seven Habitat homes designed to blend into the WP community which won an award - Hamlet (1), Fifth Street (4), Sixth Street (2). 40 NRP Lease with option to purchase on Fifth and Sixth Streets and Grant Avenue. 14 NSP rehab homes on Hamlet, North Fourth Street, Fifth Street, and Sixth Street. We are now ready to move forward with the rehab of the row homes on E. 11th Avenue. Approval for a senior dwelling facility to be built in the future.

SAFETY: Awarded a \$75K safety grant from the city that utilized residents to initiatives such as community ambassadors, safe and clean, bike lights, and litter team.

COMMUNICATION: Now responsible for the monthly newsletter.

FESTIVAL/NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: More community involvement in planning both annual events.

LAND USE: To do survey in conjunction with WP's OSU Extension Center of businesses in WP.

HEALTH & WELLNESS: Provided trips for community such as fruit picking, visit animal farm, and took part in the MORPC planning group.

BEAUTIFICATION: Has had three annual Roots & Roofs events designed to showcase housing development and enhance the beautification of WP.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS: I have been a Commissioner on the University Area Commission representing Weinland Park from 5th Avenue to 15th Avenue since 2005. I advocates for the rights and needs of her neighbors. I serve on Code Enforcement the Zoning committees. I am also a member of the Mayor's Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus.

I am very interested in serving on the Residential Council.

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