

**Walnut Hills Civic Association**  
11 June 2015; 7:00 PM Metrum Credit Union

**Agenda**

- I. Call to order:
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

___ Lutton, Randy (1)	___ Fazal, Abbas (8)
___ Suhaka, Andrea (2)	___ Vacant (9)
___ Ferrin, Robert (3)	___ Hoffmann, Trish (10)
___ Garcia, Myra (4)	___ Compton, Joe (11)
___ Senn, Donna (5)	___ Bern, Bern (12)
___ Gamec, Julie (6)	<u>Ex</u> Tippetts, Jeryl (13)
___ Vacant (7)	___ Vacant (14)
___ GID: Haskett, Maggie	___ Marsicek, Julie (15)
___ Guests:	
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 14 May 2015
- IV. GID, Maggie Haskett
  - a. Approval of Bills
  - b. Projects
  - c. Other
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report, Lutton
  - b. Membership Report, Suhaka
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  - c. Website, Lutton
  - d. Report from the Chair, Suhaka
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Dumpster Day report, Senn
    - Payment due
  - b. Possible new events for neighborhood, Compton
  - c. Disc golf information, Bern
  - d. Movie Night, Ferrin
  - e. Other
- VII. Upcoming Events
  - a. Lawn & Landscaping Contest, week of 6/22 (Ferrin, Tippetts, Compton)
  - b. Fourth of July
    - Gelato amounts & flavors
    - Help:
      - Parade: Fazal
      - Ice Cream: Garcia, scooper
  - c. National Night Out/Walnut Hills Block Party, 8/4
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Other
- IX. Concerns from Residents
- X. Adjourn

## **Compton (5/29):**

### Walnut Hills Event Ideas

1. Block Party
2. Art, Craft or Hobby Show
3. Community walk for ?? (Charity, scholarships, etc.)
4. Holiday Caroling
5. Cook-off
6. Treasure or Scavenger Hunt
7. Welcome New Neighbors packages
8. Book Donation Drive for Library
9. Battle of the Bands event
10. Theme music/food event (Rat Pack dinner and show, etc)
11. BBQ or other food event
12. Sport tournament (bocce ball, other)
13. Neighborhood phone/email list directory
14. Neighborhood Beautification
  - Tree planting
  - Invasive plant removal
  - Little dry creek trail improvements
  - Sponsor a mural
  - Graffiti removal
  - Community garden
  - Band shell? (/would need to be SSPRD matching gift program)
  - Update landscaping (exterior – add value)
  - Update signs
  - Add to playground in park
  - Help folks with home repairs
  - Sculptures along the trail or in the park
  - Trail lights (add or improve)
  - Fenced dog park area
15. Host a walk or 5K with theme
16. Wipeout type obstacle course event
17. Kick ball tournament
18. Food drive event
19. Community cookbook
20. Farmers market?
21. Kentucky derby party (or similar event)
22. Community garden
23. Community building – band shell or outdoor gazebo
24. Habitat for humanity – style event for a neighbor in need
25. Swap meet or stuff swap event
26. Retiree resource network
27. Host xeriscape landscape workshop
28. Better community communication – post cards for upcoming events or specific emails to community for events
29. Yoga in the park

## General thoughts

- Any events that can showcase what is unique about our neighborhood and add value for residents would be best
- Kid centric activities – may gather more participants
- Who is the audience or intended event for - target audience?
- Community survey? Or do we have any demographics info – anything to help guide our decision making

## **Bern (5/31):**

Brett,

Thank you for recommending our project to the South Suburban Park & Rec Board. The WHCA and residents are really excited about being selected for the matching gift and for the upcoming disc golf project. Attached is a thank you letter addressed to the SSPR Board.

In terms of next steps, I personally went to the houses near the proposed baskets yesterday. There were a fair number of residents near the western baskets that were not home, but there were also a number of no soliciting signs so they may have simply ignored me. Of the residents I talked to, there was one resident excited about the project, one indifferent, and one that thought there won't be many users and thought we could find something that would benefit more residents (although he did appreciate the fact that we are volunteers and that we are trying to provide amenities to our residents). If the not-home residents raise issues or comments after installation, we could always pull the basket in question and relocate. All of the baskets will be placed within 10" round irrigation boxes so that if they need to be pulled or relocated, we can simply unlock the basket and put the cap on the irrigation box.

There were more residents at home near the eastern baskets. The residents I talked to in that area were all in favor of the project. Some are planning on using the baskets after they are installed. There were two residents that noted a large pine tree located within Walnut Hills Park immediately behind their houses that frequently has teenagers hiding within its branches smoking and drinking. Both houses asked if there is any way that we could trim the lower branches off so that the spot isn't so well hidden in the hope that it would deter the kids from smoking & drinking in this location. I told them that we would talk with SSPR. The houses are 8422 E Briarwood Blvd and 8442 E Briarwood Blvd. We would be more than happy to cut the branches on behalf of SSPR while we are out there, but it would be helpful if SSPR could pick up and dispose of the branches for us; we could pile them up near the trail for easy pickup. The residents don't want the entire bottom of the tree trimmed, just enough that people can see the bottom of the tree and deter kids from smoking & drinking in this spot.

We also went ahead and purchased the baskets from the Disc Golf Association. Attached is the receipt for the baskets so that we can request the SSPR matching gift check of \$780. Please have the check made out to the Walnut Hills Civic Association and mail it to my address: Brian Bern, 6975 S Spruce Dr E, Centennial, 80112.

The in-ground conversion kits are currently on back order so we expect to have the baskets delivered the third week of July. We have a number of volunteers scheduled to come out and help install the basket foundations on Sat, July 25 and then installing the actual baskets themselves the following Sat, Aug 6 after the concrete has cured. Do we need a permit from SSPR to do this work? If nothing else, it would probably be a good idea to have a letter from SSPR in case someone asks what we're doing. We would also like permission to drive one or two personal trucks on the trail during installation to carry the auger and the concrete for us. I plan on having utility locates come out a few days before the 25th. It would be good if we could go out and walk the project on Fri, July 24 to spray paint the basket locations and double check with SSPR facility guys to make sure we don't hit any irrigation lines within Walnut Hills Park.

In terms of materials, we are planning on using standard Master Locks to lock the baskets to the in-ground bases. Has SSPR had issues with locks being broken into in any of your other facilities? Do we need to upgrade the locks to deter theft or will the standard locks be sufficient? Also, these baskets come with portable bases that we will not be using with the permanent locations. Does SSPR want to hold on to these portable bases or can the WHCA hold onto them and then use the portable bases to bring a few baskets to some of our events like National Night Out for example to help promote and educate residents about disc golf?

Thanks again Brett!

Sincerely, Brian Bern