

Walnut Hills Civic Association

Minutes

8 March 2012; 6:30 pm, Walnut Hills Elementary

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engler (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bethlenfalvay (8)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suhaka (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flannery (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meis (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hillman (10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant (4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gania (11)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senn (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Murray (12)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jose (6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tippets (13)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myra Garcia (7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregg (14)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GID: Maggie Haskett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lutton (15)
 - B. Residents: (* indicates membership for 2011-2012 year)
 - 25 member households were represented (15 members constitutes a quorum.)
 - * Brian Bern
 - * Ronda Caillouet
 - * Monty Christo
 - * Dave/Charline Davies
 - * Joyce/Daryl Eberhart
 - * Yvonne Engler
 - * Neal Forman
 - Michael/Janine Franklin
 - * Frank Haskett
 - * Dave/Liz Lee
 - * Jana Lutton
 - * Julie Marsicek
 - Shannon Martin
 - Karen Pellegrin
 - * Ronald/Jann Swanson
 - * Margaret Triosi
 - * Carol Tumaylle
 - C. Guests
 - Cathy Noon, Centennial Mayor
 - Mike Connor, Monty Sedlak: Centennial Public Works
 - Dep. Brian McKnight: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
 - Jim Priddy: South Suburban Park & Rec. District
 - Bob Rhodes: The Garbage Man
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes 9 Feb, Senn
 - There was a correction to the Finance Report in the Feb. minutes.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected. (Senn/Gania)
- IV. GID
 - A. Approval of bills, Maggie Haskett, Project Manager
 - The GID bills will be held for the April meeting.
 - There are red flags along the fence on Quebec. They indicates places where the fence will be repaired.

- Natural Way will need a surety bond for \$200K for the tree trimming it plans to do along Arapahoe Rd. (to guarantee the work will be done properly).

V. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report, Engler

- Engler distributed some copies of the Finance Report for February. It can be found on the WHCA website.
- State Farm has submitted a bill for \$400 for the WHCA liability insurance. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay this bill. (Senn/Gregg)
- Envision Images submitted a bill for \$29.96 for new signs for the WHCA Annual Meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay this bill. (Gregg/Meis)
- Cherry Creek School District submitted a bill for the use of Walnut Hills Elementary School, \$35.00, which Hillman has already paid. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to reimburse Hillman. (Jose/Tippets)
- Hillman submitted a bill for \$7.64 for printing the materials for tonight's meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay this bill. (Jose/Tippets)

B. Membership Report, Suhaka

- WHCA ended the 2011-2012 membership year with 567 paid members, 24 of whom paid through PayPal.
- We have 264 members with tonight's payments.

C. Website, Lutton

- The website was updated an hour ago with minutes and finance reports, and the Holiday Lighting Contest winners' pictures.

D. WHCA code enforcement report

- Senn: We need a volunteer who might be willing to drive the neighborhood to report code violations.
- Suhaka: There are 13 vacant homes in Walnut Hills.
- Question from the audience: Are our covenants enforceable? Answer: They're pretty much superfluous, a nice to do thing but there is no enforcement.

E. Report from the Chair, Hillman: none

VI. Old Business

A. Easter Egg Hunt

- Gania: volunteers are needed for the Hunt on 3/31.
- Senn: Hunters Hill folks want to join our Hunt. We don't turn any children away.

VII. New Business

A. Election of Board Members

- Board members standing for re-election:
 - Neighborhood 2, Andrea Suhaka
 - Neighborhood 4, Myra Garcia
 - Neighborhood 6, Paul Flannery
 - Neighborhood 12, Allison Murray
 - Neighborhood 14, Lonnie Greeg
- Volunteers to fill vacancies on the Board
 - Neighborhood 8 At Large, Karen Pellegrin
 - Neighborhood 9, Ronda Caillouet
 - Neighborhood 10 At Large, Brian Bern
- All were elected by acclaim.

VIII. Guest Speakers

A. Mayor Cathy Noon, I-25/Arapahoe Road

- Committees are continuing to meet.
- There will be changes to the frontage road in the northeast quadrant and widening of Arapahoe Rd. and Yosemite St. in the southwest quadrant.
- The team knows about noise issues and they will be addressed after the widening when noise can be measured. If they find a sound wall is warranted, the neighbors vote on whether or not they want one (50% + 1 decide). The Walnut Hills GID would have to maintain any wall that is built.
- No private property will be taken for the widening of the roads, however a construction easement may be needed temporarily.
- Gregg requested that we be informed of the Technical and Executive Advisory Committee meetings.
- A pedestrian bridge at Yosemite/Arapahoe doesn't meet a need and is too expensive.

B. Mike Connor, City of Centennial, snow plowing neighborhood streets and City update

- Connor and Sedlak discussed the City's snow plowing procedures.

C. Lt. Steven Rolen, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Bureau/Patrol Services to discuss the recent break ins and burglaries in Walnut Hills

- The lieutenant was called away and didn't present.

D. Brian McKnight, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Specialist

- There has been an increase in the number of home burglaries.
- Call the ACSO anytime ANYTHING looks suspicious. It's better that we be called and not needed than that we be needed and not called.
- You can call the ACSO for a free home security survey.
- There is a crime mapping program available on the ACSO website:
www.arapahoesherriff.org .

E. Cyndi Burdick, Principal Walnut Hills Elementary: not present

F. Bob Rhodes, the Garbage Man

- Rhodes gave a brief presentation on how members of the WHCA could get discounts for using his service. As more members sign up, there is a larger discount.

G. Ilsa Gregg/Jim Priddy, Manager of Parks and Open Space, South Suburban Park & Recreation District: community garden

- The WHCA would have to pay about \$500 to get a water line installed across the creek near the amphitheater, South Suburban would do the work. WHCA would have to pay for water used. This should be recouped from the folks "renting" garden spaces.
- Priddy said that the WHCA should build a fence around the garden area.

H. Debra Gania, National Night Out

- This will be the 3rd annual National Night Out for Walnut Hills and she'd like to make it into a Walnut Hills Block Party with food & beverages, etc.
- The date will be 8/7 at Walnut Hills School.
- WHCA members with home businesses can have booths for advertising their businesses.

IX. Adjourn: Hillman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.