

Walnut Hills Civic Association

12 April 2012; 7:00 PM Metrum Credit Union

MINUTES

I. Call to order:

- Paula Hillman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Hillman began by telling us that she had rearranged some Neighborhood representatives to have Neighborhoods closer to their homes. Bern was moved to Neighborhood 9 and Caillouet to Neighborhood 10.

II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

<u>X</u>	Engler (1)	-	Pellegrin (8)
<u>X</u>	Suhaka (2)	<u>X</u>	Bern (9)
-	Meis (3)	<u>X</u>	Caillouet (10)
<u>X</u>	Garcia (4)	<u>X</u>	Gania (11)
-	Senn (5)	-	Murray (12)
<u>X</u>	Flannery (6)	<u>X</u>	Tippets (13)
-	Vacant (7)	<u>X</u>	Gregg (14)
<u>X</u>	GID: Maggie Haskett	<u>Ex</u>	Lutton (15)
-	Ferrarello	2+	Guests: Ilsa Gregg, Paula Hillman, Pam Lee, Kristie Williams & her friend Lori (not a Walnut Hills resident)

III. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 8 March, Suhaka

- A correction was made to the minutes that had already been made in email. In item VIII.G. the second bullet was changed from "Priddy said that the WHCA would also need to build a fence around the garden area" to "Priddy said that the WHCA should build a fence around the garden area".
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected. (Gania/Tippets)

IV. Election of Officers

- The offices needing to be filled were Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect Herb Engler as Treasurer. (Tippets/Gania)
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect Andrea Suhaka as Secretary. (Tippets/Garcia)
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect Myra Garcia as Vice Chair. (Tippets/Gregg)
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect Lonnie Gregg as Chair. (Tippets/Garcia)
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to elect Andrea Suhaka as Membership Committee. (Tippets/Gania)
- Lonnie Gregg volunteered to become the primary GID representative with Herb Engler as secondary, if needed.
- Hillman then turned the meeting over to Gregg and departed.

V. GID

A. Approval of bills

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the following bills. (Gania/Engler)
 - MHaskett's bill for March and April (\$500/month) in the amount of \$1,000
 - Gary Jaeger's bill for March in the amount of \$200
- The GID should contract for watering (has done before) due to unusually dry conditions. Haskett will contact The Natural Way to see what they would charge.
- The GID should also consider sprinklering along Yosemite. Bern will check what it might actually cost to run lines.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve up to \$1400 for Haskett to use for plants, mulch and labor. (Gania/Caillouet)
- The question was asked if we could clean the perimeter sidewalks. Haskett will check with The Natural Way to see what it would cost.

B. Fence warranty/repairs

- Connor, Hillman, and Haskett walked the fence along Dry Creek & Quebec. The Split Rail Fence representative did not show up. There are a lot of boards that are structurally questionable. We should request some warranty work. The City will have to act on this.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report, Engler

- Engler distributed copies of the finance report that had been previously emailed to Board members. (See the website for a copy of it.)
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the report. (Garcia/Suhaka)
- Jennifer Bethlenfalvay and Paula Hillman must be removed from our Metrum bank account. The process involves letters from those being removed saying it's OK to remove them and a new signature card.

B. Membership Report, Suhaka

- 17 rental properties have paid WHCA dues: 14 owners and 3 renters.
- Yesterday she got 2 memberships with unsigned checks; they were returned for signatures.
- We have received scholarship donations of \$4618.63.
- As of today, WHCA has 432 paid members; last year at this time there were 439.
- Suhaka will email a Board roster this weekend.

C. Website, Lutton (not present)

- There was no website report.
- Garcia discussed a process called "booning": to give a simple goodie basket to someone anonymously and then they have to do it to someone else. Members thought this an interesting concept.

D. WHCA code enforcement report (Nothing)

E. Arapahoe Road I25 Improvement, Gregg

- No report on the EA process, but Gregg announced that the City was having a Transportation Master Plan open house on 4/17, 4-7pm at the City office.

VII. Old Business

A. Easter Egg Hunt, Gania

- This came in under budget. It was budgeted for \$400, and \$350 was spent.
- Suhaka: 3 memberships came in at the Hunt.

- Gania has done this for 3 years and is now stepping down so someone else can have a turn.
- B. Dumpster Days, Senn (not present)
 - Suhaka reported that the Garbage Man is providing trucks and all is ready to go.
- C. Landscaping Contest. This will be held the 3rd week of June. An article must go in the *Newsletter* this time.
- D. 4th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social needs to have an article written in this *Newsletter*, as well.
- E. National Night Out, Gania.
 - This event has been retitled the Walnut Hills Block Party – National Night Out to give it more of a neighborhood feel.
 - Hillman will help with the event and Target is a national sponsor
 - Gania will speak with ReMax, who may be interested in sponsoring something (food?).
 - The plan is to have food: hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, cookies.
 - Garcia commented that people have told her they don't want Tues., and can it be in a different park? Gania: We need the parking lot for the plans and the first Tues. in Aug. is the national day for this event.
 - This year we really want to emphasize the "Neighborhood Market Place" for our home businesses to display their "goods". They must be WHCA members to have a booth.

VIII. New Business

- A. Community Garden, Ilsa Gregg joined us for this.
 - After a discussion about vision, purpose and logistics in which nothing was resolved, it was decided that a committee would be formed to hash out those issues and bring information back to the Board.
 - The committee consists of Debra Gania; Ilsa Gregg; Pam Lee, 303-721-1347, dklee2634@gmail.com; and Kristie Williams, 303-740-9072, kristie_11@msn.com.
 - Engler will get a copy of the regulations from the community garden in Highlands Ranch.
 - Bern will provide scale maps/pictures of the garden location agreed to by South Suburban Parks & Rec. District.
- B. Garcia briefly described a SEMSA drainage project that will be taking place during the second half of 2013 behind her home, involving a number of homes in Walnut Hills and Hunters Hill.

- IX. Adjourn: Gregg adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.