

**Walnut Hills Civic Association**  
14 May 2015; Metrum Credit Union

**Minutes**

- I. Call to order: Suhaka called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.): 7 members were present.
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| <u>X</u>    | Lutton, Randy (1)    | <u>Ex</u>   | Fazal, Abbas (8)     |
| <u>X</u>    | Suhaka, Andrea (2)   | <u>    </u> | <u>Vacant</u> (9)    |
| <u>Ex</u>   | Ferrin, Robert (3)   | <u>X</u>    | Hoffmann, Trish (10) |
| <u>Ex</u>   | Garcia, Myra (4)     | <u>Ex</u>   | Compton, Joe (11)    |
| <u>X</u>    | Senn, Donna (5)      | <u>X</u>    | Bern, Bern (12)      |
| <u>X</u>    | Gamec, Julie (6)     | <u>Ex</u>   | Tippets, Jeryl (13)  |
| <u>    </u> | Vacant (7)           | <u>    </u> | <u>Vacant</u> (14)   |
| <u>    </u> | GID: Haskett, Maggie | <u>X</u>    | Marsicek, Julie (15) |
| <u>    </u> | Guests:              |             |                      |
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 9 April 2015
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of 9 April 15. (Senn/Gamec)
- IV. GID, Maggie Haskett
- a. Approval of Bills
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve \$3,100 for the following GID bills, plus Haskett flowers. (Gamec/Hofmann)
    - Gary Jaeger for perimeter maintenance, \$200
    - Maggie Haskett's monthly bill, \$500
    - High Country Landscaping for 4 weeks, \$2400
    - Maggie Haskett's purchase of 8 flats of flowers, less than \$200
- b. Projects:
- Haskett has asked High Country Landscaping to clean all 4 sidewalks.
  - Zahner agreed to place the sample edging but hasn't done it, yet. Haskett will contact him again.
  - Haskett dug 3 holes in the Quebec planter for bushes.
- c. Other: None
- V. Committee Reports
- a. Treasurer's Report, Lutton
- Lutton distributed the April Treasurer's Report.
  - Gamec presented a bill for \$90.48 for Easter Egg Hunt supplies. It was within her budget and she was paid.
  - Suhaka presented a request for \$100 for tips for The Garbage Man men for 4/16 and a bill for \$10 for the Colo. Secretary of State's annual report. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay these. (Hoffmann/Bern)
- b. Membership Report, Suhaka
- 522 people have paid dues to date, 55 from PayPal. 33 were non-resident property owners, 2 were renters. 248 people have donated to the WH Scholarship Fund.
- c. Website, Lutton
- Everything was up to date before Huenneke quit. Now a change needs to be made.
  - A request was made to add links to quit smoking websites. This will be done.

d. Report from the Chair, Suhaka

- David Evans & Assoc. (the I-25/Arapahoe contractor) is calling a meeting of all parties to discuss the Walnut Hills fence. Suhaka, Haskett, and Lutton will attend.

VI. Old Business

a. Dumpster Day report, Senn

- Despite the rain on 9 May, we still had 31 cars, 1 extra dump, and picked up 14 new members (1 still owes dues/Nee). We collected \$50 for the Scholarship.

b. Possible new events for neighborhood, Compton: absent

c. SSPRD Matching Gifts Program, Disc golf course, Bern

- Bern presented an estimate for the project costs. (about \$2,000, with SSPRD picking up about \$780 of that)
- Bern will talk to Brett Collins, SSPRD, about any necessary permits. He'll also talk to homeowners who are adjacent to proposed baskets.
- There followed a discussion on a "bill" Bern had received for the baskets. Should he pay and be reimbursed, send the bill to the City (GID), or have WHCA pay and get reimbursed by the GID? A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to have WHCA prepay Bern up to \$2,300 for the project and have Bern reimburse anything not spent; the GID will reimburse the WHCA for expenses over SSPRD's payment. (Gamec/Hoffman) A check in the amount of \$2,300 was given to Bern.
- Bern has been trying to get hold of the man who generously told Bern he'd pay for the concrete; he hasn't been able to reach him. The \$2,300 covers additional expense for cement if the man is not contacted.
- Bern reported that Gamec's post hole digger was not big enough for what he needed. Senn said that All Season's Rent-All north on Yosemite is a regular ad buyer for the *WH Newsletter* and to ask for Judy for the rental and tell her it's for the WHCA.

d. Movie Night, Ferrin: absent

- See Ferrin email on page 2.

e. Other: none

VII. Upcoming Events

a. One more Dumpster Day, 5/16

b. Walnut Hills Garage Sale, 6/5 & 6.

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve a \$100 budget for Garage Sale advertising by Garcia. (Marsicek/Bern)

c. Lawn & Landscaping Contest

- Ferrin/Compton/Tippets were chosen as the judges. (They need to canvas the week of June 22)

d. Fourth of July

- Lutton will make arrangements for the ice cream with the Carreras (WH residents). He will not be present for the event this year.
- Suhaka will email about 4<sup>th</sup> of July help needed. Help will also be needed to set up the PA system. Any Board member in town is needed.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Concerns from Residents

- See concern from Carol Fischer below dated 4/30 and Bern response above it.

X. Adjourn. Suhaka adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka

**Ferrin (4/28):**

I did want to give an update on the Movie Night. I spoke with the Cherry Creek School Facility Dept. and applications open on August 1st to use school facilities. In the meantime, I plan to set up a time to tour the cafeteria/gym area at the school to determine how best to use the space for the event. If anyone on the board would like to join me on the tour, let me know. I have not set a date yet and will wait till summer school is in session. If we were to have the event on a weekend (presumably) the following costs would be incurred:

- \$30/hr. for janitorial staff (min 3 hours)
- \$24/hr. for the cafeteria rental
- \$30/hr. for the gym rental

These are pretty modest rates, and if they include the tables and chairs we are well on our way to an event!

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**Bern (4/29):**

Attached is a scan of the award letter received from SSPR in the mail. I am currently putting together a final opinion of probable cost for the project. Assuming Walter is still able to provide the concrete for free, I think we are looking at a little over \$2,000 for the entire project. With SSPR paying \$780 towards the project, the GID would pay around \$1,220. I'll have the estimate finalized by the next board meeting so that we can vote to approve the project and the GID amount. Also on my to-do list is to visit the residents adjacent to the proposed basket locations, but I'm waiting a couple more weeks for the leaves to come out on the bushes and trees so that the baskets are better screened like they will be during warm weather when most people will be playing.

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**Bern (4/30/15):**

Carol,

Thank you for the email and I know exactly which house you are talking about. I unfortunately have some bad news from the Walnut Hills Civic Association side of things. Since our neighborhood civic association is completely voluntary unlike an HOA neighborhood, the Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. does not have any authority to create or enforce covenants. The best we could do is call City of Centennial code compliance like you have already done. The good news is that the volume of houses for sale in our neighborhood is probably close to an all time low and the houses that are for sale are selling within 20 days on the market.

I have cc'd Andrea Suhaka to this email as she is the Walnut Hills Civic Association president and long time resident of Walnut Hills and she may have some other ideas on how to address the unsightly backyard. I wish you luck. Sincerely, Brian Bern

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On Tue, Apr 28, 2015 at 6:07 PM, Carol Fischer <[fischer\\_family@msn.com](mailto:fischer_family@msn.com)> wrote:

Hello, Brian

I'm writing to request your assistance in an issue that has been troublesome to many of the neighbors adjacent or near or even those driving or walking by. The house is located at 6908 S. Syracuse Ct. There are numerous structures (temporary?) built against the fence adjacent to the sidewalk on E. Costilla Blvd. These structures are higher than the fence and there are many more that are below view from the street or sidewalk. These structures are not well built and are unsightly. The deck on the back of the house has white pvc pipe reaching up approximately 5' above the deck railing and it has been partially covered with an assortment of various fabrics, etc. The main issue is that the whole back of the house is inconsistent with the rest of the neighborhood and it is not a pleasant view, especially for those of us who live adjacent to this house. We are also concerned about the thought of potential buyers who might be looking elsewhere

when they see this yard.

Several of us have filed complaints with the Centennial code department; an officer has been out, took pictures, and commented that unless it's a health or safety issue, that there are no violations that can be addressed. Apparently there is a vehicle enclosed in one of the structures and the code officer stated that she would refer that issue to the appropriate agency.

If you have any thoughts, suggestions on this issue, please let us know. Carol Fischer, etc.