

Walnut Hills Civic Association  
14 June 2012; 7:00 PM Metrum Credit Union

**Minutes**

- I. Call to order:
- The Chair, Lonnie Gregg, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)
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| <u>X</u> | Engler (1)          | <u>-</u>  | Vacant (8)    |
| <u>X</u> | Suhaka (2)          | <u>X</u>  | Caillouet (9) |
| <u>-</u> | Vacant (3)          | <u>Ex</u> | Bern (10)     |
| <u>X</u> | Garcia (4)          | <u>Ex</u> | Gania (11)    |
| <u>X</u> | Senn (5)            | <u>-</u>  | Vacant (12)   |
| <u>X</u> | Flannery(6)         | <u>Ex</u> | Tippets (13)  |
| <u>-</u> | Vacant (7)          | <u>X</u>  | Gregg (14)    |
| <u>X</u> | GID: Maggie Haskett | <u>X</u>  | Lutton (15)   |
| <u>X</u> | Guests: John Fuller |           |               |
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes 10 May, 2012:
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the 10 May meeting as emailed. (Senn/Engler)
- IV. Approval of Scholarship Monies
- a. Amount donated through general membership
- In the process of collecting membership fees, \$5,586.83 has been collected for the Scholarship Fund. \$50 came in this week.
- b. Discussion of amount board will donate
- The Board pursued a general discussion of how much money should be in the Metrum account to have sufficient funds for the rest of the year and how much should be held in reserve.
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for the Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. to donate \$1,500 to the Scholarship Fund. (Senn/Garcia) The final check was made out in the amount of \$7136.83, to include all WHCA monies.
  - Suhaka will get John Fuller the list of donors to the Scholarship Fund.
  - The meeting paused briefly for a picture of Gregg handing Fuller the WHCA check.
- c. Newsletter donation
- The *Walnut Hills Newsletter* has donated \$1,000 to the Scholarship Fund.
- V. GID
- a. Approval of Bills
- Monthly GID bills were approved in the amounts of:
    - \$ 708.75 for The Natural Way
    - \$200 for Gary Jaeger's monthly fee
    - \$500 for Maggie Haskett's monthly fee
    - \$140 for SaddleRock sprinklers to repair the system
    - \$259.80 to Welby Gardens to replace some hail damaged greenery
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve up to \$175 for a new sprinkler timer to be purchased & replaced. (Caillouet/Lutton)
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approved up to \$500 for Kyle Jenkins who helped pull weeds along Quebec when Haskett finds the bill. (Lutton/Flannery)

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for Haskett to negotiate with The Natural Way to spray the weeds along Quebec & Dry Creek (whatever it takes). (Caillouet/Garcia)
- b. Fence Warranty/repairs
  - Gregg walked the Quebec fence with Wayne from Split Rail Fence two weeks ago. They will replace pickets, 5 posts, paint and/or repair other posts, repair fascia board. They should have already been out to do the job, Gregg will check.
  - We must find out the names of the painters so as to make sure we never use them again.

## VI. Committee Reports

### a. Treasurer's Report (Engler)

- Engler went over his emailed finance papers with the board.
- As of 5/31, the WHCA has \$22,765.95 in its Metrum accounts. All numbers match Quicken & Metrum.
- Suhaka submitted a bill for a dozen doughnuts for the second Dumpster Day and hardware for the event signs in the amount of 10.76. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve reimbursing Suhaka. (Senn/Suhaka)

### b. Membership Report (Suhaka)

- As of today, the WHCA has 517 paid members.

### c. Website-Lutton

- Lutton reported that the website has been updated and the next 3 events are posted on the front page.
- Lutton submitted a service payment request of \$150, in keeping with his agreement with the WHCA, for the first 6 months of 2012.

### d. Arapahoe Road I-25 (Gregg/)

- Nothing is currently happening. There should be a public meeting in Aug.
- The Coalition partners must set aside their pledged monies for the project. Suhaka indicated that Centennial has already done so.

## VII. Old Business

### a. Dumpster Days Final approval Expenditures (Senn)

- The Garbage Man gave us \$200 off on his bill because of problems on the first Dumpster Day. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay the bill of \$1200. (Lutton/Caillouet)

### b. Community Garage Sale, Final approval of Expenditures (Garcia)

- Garcia only had the *Denver Post* bill to submit in the amount of \$46.40. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve reimbursing Garcia that amount. (Senn/Flannery)
- *The Villager* bill hasn't come through yet. So, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve reimbursing Garcia up to \$35 for *Villager* when she is billed. (Flannery/Lutton)

## VIII. Upcoming Events

### a. Landscape Contest

- Again, those present were urged to check their neighborhoods and get recommendations to Engler/Senn/Garcia/Caillouet.
- Gregg got some emails requesting changes in the contest:
  - judge backyards?
  - xeriscape category?
- No changes will be made for this year. The Board will discuss next year.

- Due to hailstorms damaging so much greenery in the neighborhood, a decision was made to move the contest judging to the week of 15 July. Suhaka will send out a membership email to let people know.
- b. Fourth of July Parade/Ice Cream Social
- Gregg will purchase ice cream from Liks for \$38 per 3-gal. tub: vanilla, chocolate, cookies & cream, and 1/2 tub of strawberry. A discussion followed on how to handle the lactose intolerant. Lutton made a phone call to Buenos Aires Pizzeria and they will sell a tub of “ice” for \$50. We decided to do that.
  - Suhaka needs a boom box cassette player for parade music. It must be battery powered.
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to set the budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at \$400. (Garcia/Caillouet)
  - Suhaka will check if our person does banners, we need one for the event.
  - We need a sign in one of our sign forms: Support your Walnut Hills Civic Association: become a member and a Walnut Hills Civic Association banner (8’).
- c. National Night Out (Gania, not present)
- Gania sent out an email listing her needs for the event. I’ll quote her email here.
    - Food: I need a couple of people to help prepare and organize the refreshments. We are still waiting for Target to get back with us on what they can donate so this could be anything from hotdogs, salads, cookies, etc. They should have this information for us in the next two weeks. Unfortunately our contact from the last two years was recently transferred and the new community outreach person is not starting until late next week. Target has assured me they are helping. We are just still nailing down what that help is. They know our first choice of help is refreshments and family activities. They also have some donations of products they have already set aside for us for drawings.
    - Entertainment: I need 1-2 people to help organize this and be in charge of the amphitheater area to make sure things are running smoothly. We will be having entertainment in the amphitheater as well as in the neighborhood marketplace area. Some local school children will perform and we also have a local businessman bringing a bubble tower and some stilts he will be showing kids to use. Also Metrum Credit Union will have two carnival-like games and Target may also have some activities for families such as sidewalk chalk.
    - Neighborhood Marketplace/Community Services: We need 1 person to be the ambassador to the folks coming and setting up tables, to assist them with any of their needs, get them refreshments and welcome them. We have already confirmed a half a dozen business people and another half dozen community service organizations/schools coming. I am working on increasing this, as well. Examples of people coming are the Garbage Man to tell our residents about the deal with our neighborhood, SEMSWA (storm water people), sheriff's office, local fire department, South Suburban, our two elementary schools, a local window washing company, a lady who makes crafts in the neighborhood, etc.
    - WHCA welcoming committee/set up/clean-up/gophers: I need 2-3 people to help welcome our neighbors as they show up. Have folks put on nametags, explain what we have happening, and where the different activities will be and when. Then we need to make sure we get everything cleaned up at 9 P.M. I'm thinking we should have a table for the WHCA to talk about us and our events and have the ability to take memberships.

- If any of your know of any local business people who might want to participate by setting up a table, or donate any items or money for the event, or if you know of any people who might want to participate in the entertainment, please let me know. Also [WhitePages.com](http://WhitePages.com) has partnered with NNO and we will be getting a free mailing to our neighborhood regarding this event two weeks before it happens.
  - There will not be a band.
- IX. New Business
- a. Community Garden
    - Mike Connor at the City has said that we cannot use GID money for the garden until we have an executed Encroachment Release from SSPRD and we add SSPRD to our bond (This will not cost us anything extra.).
    - Suhaka asked SEMSWA about the Master Plan for the Little Dry Creek. In that plan is a pond right where the garden is. This is not a probably occurrence, but it is in the plan.
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to move forward wit the Encroachment Release and the bond. (Engler/Lutton)
  - b. CenCON
    - CenCON meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and is open to everyone.
  - c. Land Use Committee
    - If anyone is interested in taking part in the Land Use Committee, let Gregg know.
- X. Other Issues
- Engler inquired about the possibility of another Walnut Hills directory. Suhaka replied that over 1/3 of the people who handed in their member form do not want to be published. That would make it very difficult.
- XI. Adjourn: Gregg adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka, Secretary.