

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

**Minutes**

- I. Call to order: Suhaka called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitutes a quorum.)

<u>X</u> Lutton, Randy (1)	<u>X</u> Fazal, Abbas (8)
<u>X</u> Suhaka, Andrea (2)	<u>   </u> Vacant (9)
<u>Ex</u> Ferrin, Robert (3)	<u>X</u> Hoffmann, Trish (10)
<u>X</u> Garcia, Myra (4)	<u>X</u> Compton, Joe (11)
<u>X</u> Senn, Donna (5)	<u>Ex</u> Bern, Bern (12)
<u>Ex</u> Gamec, Julie (6)	<u>Ex</u> Tippetts, Jeryl (13)
<u>   </u> Vacant (7)	<u>   </u> Vacant (14)
<u>X</u> GID: Haskett, Maggie	<u>Ex</u> Marsicek, Julie (15)
<u>   </u> Guests:	
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 14 May 2015
  - A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Senn/Hoffmann)
- IV. GID, Maggie Haskett
  - a. Approval of Bills:
    - A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the following GID bills as presented by Haskett. (Compton/Garcia)
      - Haskett for June: \$500
      - Saddlerock Sprinklers (service), \$175
      - Zahner (10.5 hrs.) -\$262.50,
      - Total = \$937.50
  - b. Projects: Haskett is preparing the planter on Quebec for some bushes which will be bought shortly.
  - c. Other:
    - There is a lot of tree debris on Arapahoe Rd. from Xcel's tree trimming, Centennial cleaned up the big stuff and Haskett took care of the small stuff.
    - After a brief discussion with Greenwood Village on 5/21, we'll clear the Arapahoe sidewalk of snow (toward the street). Haskett will double check with Mile High Landscaping that they can do this.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report, Lutton
    - Lutton distributed copies of the May Finance Report.
    - Scholarship: We had a brief discussion of the Walnut Hills Scholarship and came to consensus to ask the Scholarship Committee to require that winners' families be members of the WHCA. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. (Garcia/Hoffmann)
    - Garcia submitted her Denver Post bill for \$43 for garage sale advertising.
  - b. Membership Report, Suhaka
    - Currently the WHCA has 539 paid members (60 through PayPal). We've collected \$7478 for the Scholarship (\$100 in PayPal today).
  - c. Website, Lutton: nothing to report
  - d. Report from the Chair, Suhaka
    - Suhaka contacted City Code Enforcement on 3 homes with high weeds in WH.

- She had a conversation with Leah Langerman on our event signs and how they're mounted on our monument signs. That ability must continue to the new wall.
- Suhaka will apply for a matching grant from Metrum Credit Union for the disc golf course.
- Metrum & SEMSWA have RSVPed for National Night Out.

#### VI. Old Business

- a. Dumpster Day report, Senn
  - Senn spoke with Bob Rhodes, the owner of The Garbage Man, about a lower price for the trucks for Dumpster Day. He agreed to lower the price \$50 per truck. We ended up paying \$1,700 for the whole event.
- b. Possible new events for neighborhood, Compton
  - There was a discussion about the list that was attached to the agenda. Suhaka will create a new list from the items that showed the most promise to those at the meeting. (See the new list below.) We will work on this list at coming meetings.
- c. Disc golf information, Bern (Not present, his report is listed below.)
- d. Movie Night, Ferrin (not present,)

#### VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Lawn & Landscaping Contest, week of 6/22 (Tippets, Compton, Suhaka)
- b. Fourth of July
  - Gelato amounts & flavors: vanilla, super choc, choc/mint, lemon, strawberry
  - Help:
    - There are still a lot of open questions for the event.
      - Fazal will help Suhaka with the Parade. He'll bring a card table & Suhaka will bring 2 chairs
      - Who will scoop? Garcia, Gamec, Marsicek
      - Who will be gone on the 4<sup>th</sup>: Hoffmann, Compton, Senn, Lutton
      - Who will provide water jugs: Compton, Garcia
      - What ice cream flavors?
      - Who will provide the serving tables: Garcia, Tippets
      - Who can help store the ice cream?
      - With Lutton gone, who will put up the PA, will need to meet with him?
    - Suhaka needs to purchase Ice cream cups, H2O cups
    - Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve up to \$250 for the ice cream. (Senn/Hoffmann)
- c. National Night Out/Walnut Hills Block Party, 8/4
  - Suhaka has invited many of the special districts. SEMSWA & Metrum have RSVPed.
  - Hoffman will check on a bubble tower.
  - Senn will check food truck.
  - Garcia will check for a band.

#### VIII. New Business: None

#### IX. Concerns from Residents: None

#### X. Adjourn: Suhaka adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

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

### Walnut Hills Event Ideas

1. Art, Craft or Hobby Show ??
2. Community walk for ?? (Charity, scholarships, etc. ??)
3. Cook-off
4. Welcome New Neighbors packages
5. Battle of the Bands event
6. Theme music/food event (Rat Pack dinner and show, etc.) ??, BBQ or other food event
7. Sport tournament (bocce ball, other) ?? (disc golf)
8. Neighborhood Beautification
  - Tree planting
  - Invasive plant removal
  - Little dry creek trail improvements
  - Sponsor a mural
  - Graffiti removal
  - Update landscaping (exterior – add value)
  - Update signs ??
  - Help folks with home repairs ??
  - Sculptures along the trail or in the park
  - Trail lights (add or improve)
9. Host a walk or 5K with theme/event
10. Wipeout type obstacle course event
11. Kick ball tournament ??
12. Kentucky derby party (or similar event) 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in May ??
13. Habitat for humanity – style event for a neighbor in need
14. Swap meet or stuff swap event ??
15. Retiree resource network ??
16. Host xeriscape landscape workshop ?? Tagawa, University Extension
17. Better community communication – post cards for upcoming events or specific emails to community for events
18. 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