

Walnut Hills Civic Association

MINUTES

14 July 2011; 7 pm, Metrum Credit Union

- I. Call to order:
 - Paula Hillman called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

<u>X</u>	Engler (1)	<u>X</u>	Bethlenfalvay (8)
<u>X</u>	Suhaka (2)	<u>X</u>	Flannery (9)
<u>X</u>	Meis (3)	–	Neighborhood 10 (vacant)
<u>X</u>	Pankau (4)	<u>X</u>	Gania (11)
<u>Ex</u>	Senn (5)	<u>X</u>	Hillman (12)
<u>X</u>	Jose (6)	<u>X</u>	Tippets (13)
<u>Ex</u>	Keller (7) on leave	<u>X</u>	Gregg (14)
<u>X</u>	GID: Maggie Haskett	<u>X</u>	Marsicek (15)
<u>X</u>	Ferrarello		

13 Guests: Ken Lucas, Rebecca McClellan, Randy Lutton, Sue Rosser, Sue Bosier, Jim & Margaret Hargis, Ron Weidmann
(Note: *Randy Lutton was the only additional Walnut Hills resident present*)
City & County people: Cathy Noon, Craig Faessler, Ron Weidmann, Jacque Wedding-Scott, Bryan Weimer
- III. Mayor Cathy Noon, City of Centennial-I-25/Arapahoe Road Project Update
 - Mayor Noon spoke about the Coalition’s trip to Washington, D.C., in April.
 - The Costilla underpass is not being recommended to be part of the Arapahoe Rd./I-25 interchange improvement project.
 - All Coalition members' names are posted to the Council’s Google Group (<https://sites.google.com/site/centennialcitycouncil/city-council-liaison-reports/arapahoe-i-25-coalition>)
- IV. Craig Faessler, Program Director, City of Centennial: I-25/Arapahoe Road Project/EA Update/Traffic Study
 - A. Faessler:
 - The Walnut Hills traffic study will be the first deliverable of the EA.
 - Two alternatives are being recommended to the Technical & Executive Committees: no build (required by federal law) and cloverleaf improvements.
 - TC: 8/4, ArapCo Public Works, 2 – 4 pm
 - The TC will make a recommendation to the EC: 8/18, ArapCo Public Works, 9:30 - 11 am.
 - Elimination of the Costilla crossing was a technical decision, there really is no benefit to the interchange and there would be degradation at adjacent intersections.
 - This isn’t the end of the EA process.
 - B. Bryan Weimer
 - If the EC agrees with decision, there will be a qualitative evaluation of the two alternatives to look at what can be done at Yosemite/Arapahoe, GW Plaza Bl./Arapahoe and other intersections with Arapahoe. They will have to look at system improvements (signal timing, adding lanes, ped. & bike facilities.)
 - Then the recommendation will be presented in public hearing: an evaluation of all alternatives and why which were chosen. Will take testimony as part of the documentation to get to a “finding of no significant impact” (FONSI).

- Public Hearing, 9/8, Good Shepherd, 4:30ish (not positive)
- The FONSI should occur spring/summer next year.
- JFerrarello: what about the other alternatives? Weimer: That's right, **no** other alternatives will go forward except no build & I-25 interchange itself
- JF: so now it will be permutations of the cloverleaf? Weimer: That's right, only what can be done on Arapahoe Rd.
- BPankau: what is the process if the Committees have objections? Weimer: We have to understand what the objections are; we've looked at this technically.
- PHillman: Who is the EC? Noon: It's composed of electeds (Noon, Beckman, Rakowski), CDOT, Wed-Scott, RTD, and FHWA.
- HEngler: Traffic study, who cuts through is determined how? Faessler: Digital cameras recorded every license plate at 5 strategic locations (Centennial separately collected manual data on Dry Creek.), license plate matches were made, then travel times were compared. School trips are not cut-through.
- JF: At the public meeting, will the Committees have made their recommendations? Weimer: Yes, with a lot more data
- Hillman: Talk a little about the traffic study with new lanes on Arapahoe. Faessler/Weimer: Shortly after completion, there was only a little improvement. Now, lane utilization is much higher. Weimer: Nothing else was measured beyond the lanes that were added.
- Noon: The press release that came out on Monday says having a Costilla underpass doesn't provide any additional benefit to be worth the cost of doing it.
- Noon: If you see a 9/8 meeting scheduled, it will mean this has moved forward.
- Project website: <http://www.i25arapahoeroadea.com/>

V. Correction and Approval of Minutes 9 June, Suhaka

- Corrections: none. A motion was made, seconded and pass unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Tippets/Bethlenfalvay)

VI. GID

A. Approval of bills, M. Haskett

- A motion was, made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the bills submitted by Haskett. (Gania/Meis)
 - Emerald Isle, \$712.86
 - Haskett, \$500 (July)
 - Jaeger, \$400 (June & July)
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Haskett's additional expenses of \$384.81. (Jose/Tippets)
 - Hired Matthew Zehner to water on Yosemite, spread 80 bags of mulch (includes Hinsdale & Quebec), \$200.
 - 80 bags of mulch, 3 small wintergreen trees, \$184.81 (Pankau: check #1127)

B. Other

- Suhaka commented that the south end on Yosemite looks wonderful.
- A spyrea corner of Quebec & Dry Creek has died.
- Hillman needs to ask Mike Connor how long the Split Rail Fencing contract price is good.
- Haskett's comment on Emerald Isle: If they're not doing all the work, we shouldn't pay them the whole amount, debris control is a problem, they're not doing what the contract calls for.

VII. Website Update

- Engler: the new website is up and looks good.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to pay the web-hosting bill of \$120 for one year. (Gania/Gregg)
- HEngler: we still need a few more Board member headshots. Hillman will take those tonight.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report, Pankau

- Pankau has verified the amounts in the accounts and distributed a paper report.
- Suhaka handed in a bill for \$90.96 for batteries, megaphone, and cash for prizes for 4th of July. No motion because the amount was within budget. Hillman handed in a bill of \$115 for the Ice cream for the Social.
- Tippetts: WHCA Bond insurance is due. (\$10,000, \$264). A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve this insurance bill. (Engler/Gregg)

B. Membership Report, Suhaka:

- As of 7/11, there are 541 members. We ended last year with 555.
- \$5,938.29 was collected for the Scholarship Fund from 245 people.

C. WHCA code enforcement report. None

D. Report from the Chair, Hillman

- The *Walnut Hills Newsletter* will be produced the week before National Night Out. Ilsa Gregg needs all articles tomorrow.

IX. Old Business

A. Walnut Hills Landscape/Lawn contest

- Senn was not present so we don't have the names of the top 3 winners.
- Hillman: Please, send a note to top 32 the committee thought were the best.

B. National Night Out, Gania

- Three people are needed to help: Marsicek, Hillman, Flannery
- Gania has created a flyer. We first discussed each board member distributing to their neighborhood and then decided to stuff it in the *Newsletter*.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to print and stuff the NNO flyer into the *WHN*. (Pankau/Tippetts) Suhaka will check prices at two printers and take it to be printed.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to raise the NNO budget to \$200. (Tippetts/Engler)

C. Other

- Community Garden: Pankau has not had time to explore the issue.
- Parade comments: the parade needs music, consider a float or something with long time residents of Walnut Hills

VIII. New Business

- Other Tippetts has a phone call from someone in Hunters Hill asking if the noise monitor that they will be hosting means runway expansion. Suhaka has been attended the Centennial Airport/Neighborhood Noise Round Table and answered that noise monitors that are coming are for the sole purpose of monitoring overflight noise.

X. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.