

Walnut Hills Civic Association
8 August 2013; 7:00 PM Metrum Credit Union

Minutes

- I. Call to order: Andrea Suhaka, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

<u>X</u> Lutton (1)	<u>X</u> Luna (8)
<u>X</u> Suhaka (2)	<u>X</u> Huenneke (9)
<u>Ex</u> Whiting (3)	<u>-</u> Vacant (10)
<u>X</u> Garcia (4)	<u>X</u> Deal (11)
<u>X</u> Senn (5)	<u>Ex</u> Bern (12)
<u>X</u> Gamec (6)	<u>X</u> Tippets (13)
<u>X</u> Olson (7)	<u>Ex</u> Barker (14)
<u>X</u> GID: Maggie Haskett	<u>X</u> Marsicek (15)
<u>X</u> Guests: Dr. Chris Saiz, Andrew Weissman	
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 13 June 2013:
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the 11 July 2013 meeting as emailed. (Senn/Garcia)
- IV. GID, Maggie Haskett
 - a. Approval of Bills
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the bills in the amount of \$2858.75 as listed below, for the GID. (Gamec/Luna)
 - Maggie Haskett: \$500
 - Robbins Masonry & Concrete, (2 sidewalk repairs on Quebec; \$400 to cut and sink one, \$540 to remove and pour one): \$950
 - The Natural Way: \$708.75
 - Matt Zahner, 28 hours @ \$25/hr.: \$700
 - b. Other
 - Projects:
 - Maggie Haskett will be receiving 3 bids for the raised beds on Quebec, between Hinsdale Ave & Hinsdale Court.. The bids will be emailed before the Sept. meeting so the board can review them before the next meeting.
 - Some more stamped concrete for later discussion
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed (9 in favor/ 2 against) for Gary Jaeger to finish painting the insides of the slanted fences on Quebec and Dry Creek (Gamec/Tippets). There have been complaints about the fence on Spruce & Dry Creek needing paint.
 - Olson informed the board that the GID is in the budgeting process for next year and he needed to know if we have any planned major expenses next year. The board is not expecting any high dollar projects, only general GID improvements which are the same as was budgeted for this year.
- V. Discussion of Walnut Hills Tennis Courts.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to have the tennis courts replaced not repaired, estimating \$150,000. We are hoping it will be paid by Centennial's Open Space Advisory Board Board and South Suburban. (Tippets/Marsicek)
 - Dr. Chris Saiz informed the board of the tennis courts' state of disrepair. They are badly cracked and it's doubtful the asphalt foundation can be repaired. One side of the court is considerably higher than the other side, the gates don't work well, there

are cracks around the net posts, and the nets are torn. He provided pictures for the board members to review. It is his goal for the tennis courts to be replaced and it would be nice if they could have features of other tennis courts in the area, as to the quality of the courts, benches to sit on, and a water fountain. The project will cost approximately \$150,000. The Centennial Open Space Advisory Board has tentatively agreed to pay could possibly pay half of the cost (\$75,000). South Suburban will need to pay the other half. The South Suburban board will be meeting on Aug. 15. Saiz will be attending and would like a representative of the WHCA board to also attend the meeting in the hopes that South Suburban will approve adding the tennis courts to their budget. Saiz would like a recommendation letter sent from the WHCA to South Suburban and the City of Centennial recommending replacement/not repair of the courts.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer's Report, Lutton

- Lutton gave the board members copies of the report for July.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay \$130 for website hosting and WHCA Corporate Report as listed below. (Garcia/Gamec)
 - Technology by Design: \$120 for web hosting
 - Andrea Suhaka: \$10 to renew incorporation
- Lutton informed Deal that he needs an invoice from the band for the NNO event as soon as possible. Lutton paid \$400 as previously approved to the Mathew Quigley Band (Matt Cummings).
- Metrum Credit Union will pay up to \$500 matching funds for events. Suhaka is applying for those funds by putting together receipts.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay up to \$150 for embroidery on our aprons and for purchasing 2 more to match. (Gamec/Garcia) We currently have 6 aprons and we will ask the printing company, ICD Designs, a neighborhood company, to purchase an additional 2, and have them all embroidered with "Walnut Hills Civic Association"

b. Membership Report, Suhaka

- The WHCA has 550 paid members, 45 through PayPal.

c. Website, Lutton

- Lutton will be adding the newsletter to the website.

d. Report from the Chair, Suhaka: none

III. Old Business

a. National Night Out evaluation

- National Night Out turned out great but there were not as many residents as attended as last year. Suggestions were made to move the tents by the school down by the amphitheater so everything is in one area, make it a block party, and move to another night. The turnout was possibly due to bad weather. There was much discussion concerning the topic. The board will decide in Sept./Oct. on any changes.

b. WHCA not-for-profit status

- Suhaka met with a retired Lawyer in the neighborhood who had indicated he'd like to help the WHCA. He will not do this, it's too difficult and the reporting requirements can be onerous. We are still in need of someone to fill out the paperwork and a lengthy discussion followed as to the pros and cons of being a not-for-profit. A motion was made, seconded, and passed (9 in favor / 2 against) to not pursue

being a not-for-profit unless a board member is interested and comes to the a meeting with more information. (Olsen/Deal)

- IV. Upcoming Events
 - a. Fall Dumpster Days, 12 October
 - b. Holiday Lighting Contest, week of 16 December – will need a judging chair soon.
- V. New Business:
 - a. Portable PA System for WHCA events, Lutton
 - Lutton researched possibilities for us to purchase. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to purchase two speakers at \$200 each and the Roland PA unit for a total of \$600. (Gamec/Garcia)
 - b. Other
 - Luna brought up concerns regarding Facebook. She stated that Walnut Hills has 2 Facebook pages (Walnut Hills Newsletter and WHCA). She said they're not being maintained and she does not know who owns the WHCA one, but that if they don't maintain it, it should be deleted. She would like to tie in Twitter to Facebook and needs to get access to our own Facebook account. A board member indicated that Paula Hillman should be the owner of the WHCA account. Luna will contact Hillman and ask to become the administrator.
- X. Concerns from Residents
 - There is a black vehicle with Minnesota plates from which someone is throwing eggs at people in their yards or when walking.
- XI. Adjourn
 - Suhaka adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Deal, Secretary