

**Walnut Hills Civic Association**  
14 August 2014; 7:00 PM Metrum Credit Union

**Minutes**

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

<u>X</u> Lutton (1)	<u>X</u> Fazal (8)
<u>X</u> Suhaka (2)	<u>Ex</u> Huenneke (9)
<u>X</u> Hoffmann (3)	<u>X</u> Weissman (10)
<u>X</u> Garcia (4)	<u>Ex</u> Foley (11)
<u>Ex</u> Senn (5)	<u>X</u> Bern (12)
<u>Ex</u> Gamec (6)	<u>Ex</u> Tippets (13)
<u>X</u> Deal (7)	<u>X</u> Compton (14)
<u>X</u> GID: Maggie Haskett	<u>X</u> Marsicek (15)
<u>X</u> Guests: Mike Katich, CL Thomas, Ed & Annelies Rahbany, Chris Herndon	
- III. Award Lawn and Landscape Contest Winners.
  - 1st place (\$100): Mardy/Steven Marion, 7320 E Hinsdale Ave – was not able to attend
  - 2nd place (\$75): Ginger/Chris Herndon, 7284 S Syracuse St
  - 3rd place (\$50): Annelies/Ed Rahbany, 6850 S Quince – donated the prize to the scholarship fund
- IV. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 10 July 2014
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the July meeting minutes as emailed (Deal/Fazal).
- V. GID, Maggie Haskett
  - a. Approval of Bills
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the following bills in the amount of \$3720.40 (Compton/Fazal).
      - Maggie Haskett's August bill for \$500
      - Gary Jeager's August bill for \$200
      - Brian Bern's bill for \$50 (weeding)
      - Matt Zaner's bill for \$200 (wall maintenance/sidewalk clean up)
      - Rob Robins bill for \$1100 (rock work on bus stop area)
      - Bill for DTC self service storage locker in the amount of \$432
      - High Altitude Landscaping's bill for \$1200
      - Hasket's bill for \$38.40 (dirt for bus stop – bought more dirt and mulch but doesn't have receipt, will bring to the next meeting)
  - b. Projects:
    - The sidewalk along Dry Creek where the rock wall ends still needs to be looked at by all the board members. You need to look at the area that doesn't have a rock wall to see if we should fix the issue with edging. It will be addressed at the next meeting.
    - Haskett is working with the homeowner that is going to help with the planter box. It will cost about \$500 to plant a tree in the planter. Plants will be planted but will be done slowly. She would like to plant the tree around Labor Day.
    - Planter at Dry Creek & Quebec was dug up by Sturgeon Electric. Haskett spoke to them and told them they replaced the plants that were dug up but not with what was

there. She is sending them a list of what she would like to have put back in. They will be correcting the issue by Labor Day.

- c. Other
  - Concerns from residents listed below

## VI. Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report, Lutton
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report for July (Garcia/Hoffmann).
- b. Membership Report, Suhaka
  - We have 551 members, 58 thru PayPal, 39 rentals have been paid.
- c. Website, Lutton
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay the bill from Technology by Design for \$120 for the website hosting fee (Lutton/Bern).
  - All articles posted, as well as scholarship photos. Lutton will be adding some more photos but the rest of the website is up to date.
- d. Report from the Chair, Suhaka
  - C-470 news (emailed update last week). The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be regarding funding on Aug. 19. Residents will not be taxed for it. The project should start next year and she's concerned about more cut-through traffic in the neighborhood.
  - We will add the fence concerns from residents to the agenda for the Sept. meeting.

## VII. Old Business

- a. Walnut Hills fence (see emails below)
- b. Electronic recycling and hazardous waste pick-up, Suhaka
  - Can share a bin for the hazardous waste with others if you don't fill up the bin.
- c. National Night Out/Walnut Hills Block Party Evaluation
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the following bills for \$701.49 (Garcia/Lutton).
    - Juice of the Barley Band bill for \$400
    - Stilt Man's bill for \$75
    - Food bill (hotdogs) for \$226.49
  - Concerns/Suggestions observed or brought up by residents/board members
    - The band speakers weren't loud enough and the band didn't play for as long as was expected. The band didn't start until 6:30PM, they took a 40 minute break, and quit at 8 so they didn't play long enough.
      - Ran out of hotdogs and only had 2 people that ate the vegetarian hotdogs.
      - Not enough trash cans available.
    - Booths that were in the parking lot were upset because no one visited them because it was too far away. They wanted to be with the rest of the booths.
    - People that wanted booths were turned away because it was too close to the date and no deadline was set.
    - Move the booths and change the set up to make it more accessible.
    - Would be a good idea to give dog treats because there were a lot of dogs.
    - We should have a committee plan logistics next year.
    - Would like something other than hotdogs.

## VIII. Upcoming Events

- a. Holiday Lights judging
- b. Committee for Walnut Hills Movie Night (2015) (nothing)

IX. New Business

- a. Membership gift - Weissman (nothing)
- b. Board polo shirt (to be recognized at events)
  - Suhaka passed around 2 of designs for a WHCA logo from IDC Design. The board was tied on votes for the design. We'll wait until the next meeting to get input from the board members that were not in attendance.

X. Concerns from Residents

- There is a blind spot on Briarwood at Yosemite due to tree growth. Haskett will address this and got the contact information from resident for follow up.
- Concerns about the sound wall and where it will end. Residents also haven't been getting information lately regarding the wall. Suhaka said we are waiting for CDOT to get the information and they will be attending our board meeting to discuss resident concerns and answer questions. Suhaka also stated she sends out all updates to the WHCA members as she gets the information.
- There's a lot of noise and debris from the allergy building parking lot. Dumpsters are being emptied at 4am. There's also noise from the music school playing until 11pm. Would like sound wall to be extended to correct this as it is very noisy. Suhaka stated that he should call the police regarding the noise and gave the non emergency phone number and also stated that CDOT won't extend the wall for that. Suhaka will contact the garbage company if she is given the company name/phone number.
- Discussion regarding the houses behind the businesses that don't have a perimeter fence. Residents would like a wall section installed after the sound wall is put in where there is no fence. Suhaka will see what she if this is legal. Haskett will check for the last survey that was conducted. The last survey was conducted in 1992 and resident would like a new survey completed.
- S Willow St has a lot of speeding. Would like a 3 way stop put up on Costilla Place and Willow. Suhaka stated that stop signs may not be used for traffic control. The neighbors can request a neighborhood traffic mitigation survey.
- Briarwood Ave has a stop sign on the curve at Willow St. and it should be removed. There are a lot of kids in the area playing and is concerned someone will get hurt.
- Garage theft occurrence and strange solicitors. Garcia is going to write a safety article for the newsletter.
- Concerns about the rabbits and Tularemia. Compton is going to do some research and write an article for the newsletter.

XI. Adjourn. Suhaka adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Deal, Secretary

Emails (start at the bottom and read up):

On Aug 5, 2014, at 6:49 AM, Travis Greiman <[tgreiman@centennialco.gov](mailto:tgreiman@centennialco.gov)> wrote:

Andrea,

We would plan to meet with the neighborhood and the Board as necessary. But it doesn't look like there will be anything new to present to anyone in August, so I would rather wait until the project team has something relevant to say.

Travis

From: Andrea Suhaka

8/4/14 7:05 PM

To: Travis Greiman

Subject: Re: Walnut Hills Fence

But the meeting with the homeowners?

Are you still planning to attend the 14th, then?

Andrea

On Aug 4, 2014, at 5:08 PM, Travis Greiman <[tgreiman@centennialco.gov](mailto:tgreiman@centennialco.gov)> wrote:

Andrea,

Just an update. I sent this email to CDOT staff with a request for response, knowing the response for many items could be "TBD". I haven't heard anything at all, which makes it clear that the project is moving slow enough that we won't have any relevant info by tomorrow or the 14<sup>th</sup>. Out of my control, but I'll update you as I hear more.

Thanks, Travis

From: Andrea Suhaka

7/13/14 12:53 PM

To: Travis Greiman

Subject: Walnut Hills Fence

Travis,

Well, the discussion was rather lively at our board meeting on Thurs.

They left me with a request and a few questions and some of them may email you more questions.

Request: Please, please have the neighbor meeting before 8/14! (That's the date of our next Board meeting, 7 pm.) I would also like to attend the meeting (not give feedback), if at all possible.

Questions:

1. Will there be a graffiti coating? (I told them about the Sheriff's guests.)
2. What would you figure the maintenance budget to be? (They weren't happy with an answer that just said, "Sure, \$70K would cover it.)
3. What kind of maintenance might be required? (If you have the neighbor meeting, you should have a best guess for what the fence will be.)
4. When will the sound analysis take place? (I told them in July.)
5. Is there a hold out?
6. If our Walnut Hills monument signs are removed, they must be put back! (They have no electrical component but there may be underground electric for our previous signs from 30 years ago.)

If you know what the wall might be, you can come to our National Night Out on 8/5 (Centennial City is having a booth) with drawings. The neighborhood would love to see that information.

Thanks, Travis.

Andrea, WHCA Chair