

Walnut Hills Civic Association

MINUTES

10 Nov. 2011; Metrum Credit Union

I. Call to order: 7 pm

II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

<u>X</u>	Engler (1)	—	Bethlenfalvay (8)
<u>X</u>	Suhaka (2)	<u>X</u>	Flannery (9)
—	Meis (3)	<u>X</u>	Hillman (10)
—	Zahner(4)	<u>X</u>	Gania (11)
<u>Ex</u>	Senn (5)	<u>X</u>	Murray (12)
<u>X</u>	Jose (6)	—	Tippets (13)
—	Neighborhood 7 (vacant)	<u>X</u>	Gregg (14)
<u>Ex</u>	GID: Maggie Haskett	<u>X</u>	Lutton (15)
—	Ferrarello	—	Guests:

Members should notify Paula Hillman if they will not be present for a meeting.

III. Correction and Approval of Minutes 13 October, Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. Engler/Jose

IV. GID

A. Approval of bills, M. Haskett was not present.

- Q Plowz submitted a bill for plowing the Arapahoe Rd. sidewalk in the recent snow-storm for \$170. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously for the WHCA to pay this bill and submit it to the GID for reimbursement. Gania/Jose
- Haskett submitted bills for: herself, \$500; Gary Jaeger, \$200; Emerald Isle sent an outstanding bill for \$700 that was not approved. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve payment of Haskett and Jaeger bills for a total of \$700. Lutton/Jose
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the new contracts for Haskett, Jaeger and to replace Emerald Isle with The Natural Way (highly recommended by Haskett and at the same cost as EI). Jose/Gania
- Hillman recommended that we save a new snow removal contract for next month.

B. Perimeter Improvements, 2012

- This will be held over for next month as Haskett was not present for discussion.

C. City of Centennial, fee policy

- The Board was in consensus agreeing to the new policy.
- Jose had a question on the Budget sheet and there was no clear answer.

V. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report, Engler

- Income of \$181.68 from GoDaddy, a reimbursement for the unused portion of our contract and of \$74 from Centennial (our GID) for our sprinkler shutdown.
- Engler questioned why do we have to have 2 accounts at Metrum. Metrum requires a basic share account (savings account) to have a checking acct.
- Engler will check with Metrum as to the best way to keep our money in the accounts.

- B. Membership Report, Suhaka
 - WHCA currently has 562 members. We're only 27 addresses below half of Walnut Hills
 - Dumpster day accounting, see below.

❖ Alison Murray stopped by to say she wouldn't stay. She was injured in a fight with her cat and needed to stop at a pharmacy.

C. Website, Lutton

- Website is working well. There were 700 visits in Oct. Hillman has received an email from the website. Most searches are for Donna Senn (newsletter stuff).

D. WHCA code enforcement report

- There will be a new Code Enforcement contractor for Cent., CH2M Hill. The switch over will be on Jan. 2. The change shouldn't be noticed.

E. Arapahoe Road I25 Improvement, Lutton/Gregg

- There has been no change in the Arapahoe/I-25 website.
- Flannery asked when something would happen.
- Gregg: Information from the Sept. public meeting goes to the Technical Advisory and Executive Committees. They make their changes and present a "final" plan to the public, theoretically in March. If those comm. meet in March, then the new plans won't be posted until late Feb./early March.
- Hillman began the discussion about the draft letter she had asked the Centennial Neighbors to prepare for the WHCA to send to the EA group.
 - Several people commented that it was too negative and others that it rehashed too much history. Others made several suggestions for wording.
 - Hillman and Suhaka will create another letter for the Board's approval in Dec.
 - See further comments at the end of the minutes.

F. Report from the Chair, Hillman

- Murray had commented that she thought we were paying too much for our post office box. Hillman will look into this.

VI. Old Business

A. Dumpster Day Report, Senn

- Senn wasn't present. Suhaka made the report.
- 64 people came through of which 10 were new members. There were 9 extra dumps, so 73 all together. That's an October record. WHCA got \$20 in donations and the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund got \$45 in donations.

B. Board Mission

- Deferred for December.
- Hillman your thoughts to Hillman and she'll put them together and send them out to us all.

C. Trash Service Discount, Hillman

- Hillman distributed a sheet with discounts available from The Garbage Man, working with the WHCA.
- Hillman suggested this could be a benefit of membership in the WHCA.
- Gania asked about recycling, that's a deal breaker.
- Hillman will invite them to the Dec. meeting.
- Gania suggested Hillman write a *Newsletter* article comparing all of our current service providers and show the benefit of going with The Garbage Man through the civic assoc.

D. Holiday Lighting Contest, Hillman

- On 15 Dec. all Neighborhood reps should drive through their Neighborhood, then we'll all meet at Starbucks at 8 pm to chose a winner.
- Engler/Suhaka: 1, 2, 4, 5
- Jose/Flannery: 6, 7, 8, 9
- Hillman/Murray: 12
- Gania: 11
- 2 Neighborhoods are missing: 3, 10

VIII. New Business

A. Other

- For years Frank Haskett has picked up left over produce from the Farmers' Market in Lone Tree & wants to stop. Would one of us want to do it? Gregg might be interested and will call Frank
- *Newsletter* articles are due on 11/15.
- Engler proposed expanding our snow shoveling service to a neighbor helping neighbor kind of service: raking leaves, running to the store, etc. We would need a corps of people who would volunteer to do more helping and he would be willing to coordinate. Jose had questions about insurance. Gregg said we might be taking the work away from neighborhood kids as a way to make money.
- Engler will talk to Tippetts about liability issues.

X. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:08.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

Comments from our discussion on a WHCA letter to the Environmental Assessment.

- PH: This letter should be separate from the Centennial Neighbors (CN) surveys
- LG: CN would include a copy of this letter with their own letter & surveys
- PF: the wording sounds negative, feels like changes are being pushed down our throats
- PH: some rehashing of past wrongs. If our point is not taking personal property, then that should be the letter.
- LG: we need to push the sound walls & barriers
- PH: we can include that, but I don't want to rehash
- PF: goal to seek accurate & timely information, too negative
- HE: it doesn't really say what Flannery's asking, only seems to imply it
- PH: to RL, would you be for any changes on Arapahoe & Yosemite
- PH & AS write letters to look at
- PF: "This neighborhood needs to be protected", smells like a protest movement
- PH: what are we protesting
- LG: they're failing to follow the NEPA requirements
- HE: what is our #1 concern, acquisition of private property; #2, protect our residents from the effects
- PF: let's work to try to find a reasonable compromise
- PH: if CN want to say this, they can say this
- LG: theirs has no mitigation for pedestrians
- SJ: safety issues in not having some plan for the safety of pedestrians
- PH: what is the timing of this, why now