

## Walnut Hills Civic Association

13 November 2014; 7:00 PM Metrum Credit Union

### Minutes

- I. Call to order: Suhaka called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

<u>Y</u>	Lutton, Randy (1)	<u>Y</u>	Fazal, Abbas (8) - will be late
<u>Y</u>	Suhaka, Andrea (2)	<u>Y</u>	Huenneke, Dan (9)
<u>Ex</u>	Ferrin, Robert (3)	<u>Ex</u>	Hoffmann, Trish (10)
<u>Ex</u>	Garcia, Myra (4)	<u>Ex</u>	Weissman (10) - Resigned
<u>Y</u>	Senn, Donna (5)	<u>Y</u>	Bern, Brian (12)
<u>Y</u>	Gamec, Julie (6)	<u>Y</u>	Tippets, Jeryl (13)
<u>   </u>	Vacant (7)	<u>Ex</u>	Compton, Joe (14)
<u>Y</u>	GID: Haskett, Maggie	<u>Y</u>	Marsicek, Julie (15)
<u>   </u>	Guests:		
- III. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 9 Oct 2014
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Senn/Tippets)
- IV. Fiddler's Green parking, Chris Sheffer, Centennial Traffic Engineer
  - The Walnut Hills Parking Survey will presented to the Dec. 8 Council meeting.
  - The City currently has 2 other parking permit districts: Arapahoe & Smoky Hill HS.
  - Sheffer went on to explain how a parking district works, the cost to the residents, and told us that Walnut Hills would have to pay for the permit signs. Suhaka will check with our City GID lawyer to see if the GID could fund the signs - \$3,000-4,000.
  - The consensus was that we would try to pursue a parking permit district for the northeast corner of Walnut Hills.
- V. GID, Maggie Haskett
  - a. Approval of Bills
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the GID bills in the amount of \$775. (Tippets/Gamec)
      - MHaskett: \$500
      - GJaeger: \$200
      - Saddle Rock Sprinklers: \$75
  - b. Projects:
    - Zahner is working on our planter box on Quebec. The soil is very poor and must be supplemented before anything can be planted. An underdrain has been installed.
    - All perimeter sprinklers are off.
    - High Altitude has started its fall clean up, but needs to return to finish.
    - Haskett will install the holiday decor after Thanksgiving. 1 wreath has been stolen. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve up to \$200 for Haskett to purchases whatever else is needed for hour holiday decorations. (Gamec/ Fazal)
    - Haskett has gotten 1 bid to paint our hail damaged fence (on the west) for \$12,000. Jaeger has said he would do it for \$100/hr. The Board consensus was that we do not want an open-ended contract. Haskett should see if Jaeger will give us a total amount and Haskett will check with the roofers that live in Walnut Hills for bids.

c. Other

- Additional Walnut Hills fence: Southgate Water & Sanitation has told me that the sewer pipe in the back of the properties on S. Willow is very close to the edge of the easement on the home side and we cannot put in a fence that would enclose it. We would have to install fencing actually on their property and that has many legal ramifications. Suhaka will write a letter to the neighbors with this information and letting them know that we cannot put up a fence.
- Suhaka will ask Travis Greiman at the City if Walnut Hills can keep the slate and rock we recently installed, the Walnut Hills entrance sign on Uinta. We want it back on that corner.
- Suhaka will contact SSPRD about having some bushes put where the new drainage pipe came through to the Little Dry Creek.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer's Report, Lutton

- Lutton distributed copies of the Nov. Finance Report.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the report as presented. (Tippets/Bern)
- Our PO Box rental was due by 31 Oct. Suhaka got a check from Lutton for \$146. The bill came after our last meeting and was due before this one.

b. Membership Report, Suhaka

- There are now 571 paid members in the WHCA (589 is 1/2 of our population). We picked up 12 members at the Oct. Dumpster Day.

c. Website, Lutton

- The website is up to date, but Lutton still needs 2 more pictures of members.

d. Report from the Chair, Suhaka

- Suhaka was a bit disappointed that no Board member attended the C-470 open house.

VII. Old Business

a. Dumpster/E-cycle Day and Hazardous Waste Pickups Reports, Suhaka/Senn

- We had 61 cars come through our line to dump and garnered 12 new members.
- We had at least 64 people drop off electronics and collected \$25 for the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund. The bill for e-cycle was \$915. It's been paid as has \$800 for the garbage trucks.

b. Street Lights, Ferrin: not present

c. WHCA polo shirts: a poll of the Board agrees that the thread color on the gray shirts should be black.

VIII. Upcoming Events

a. Holiday Lights judging (week of Dec. 20): Suhaka, Tippets, Hoffmann

b. Committee for Walnut Hills Movie Night (2015): This committee was disbanded since Weissman & Foley have resigned from the Board.

IX. New Business

a. Calendar for 2015/Dues Increase

- After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to increase the dues to \$25. Senn will write a *Walnut Hills Newsletter* article to let the neighborhood know. (There was a little concern that the Scholarship Fund might suffer.)

b. Disk golf, Bern

- Bern has spoken to SSPRD about creating a disk golf course along Little Dry Creek in the SSPRD land. They have given the idea conceptual approval. We'll apply for an SSPRD grant next year. Bern will also request a grant from the Centennial Open Space Board. Bern has also recruited folks to help him install it and can get the cement needed for free.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to go forward with this project. (Senn/Gamec)
- Tippets then asked if this might be an Eagle Scout project? We didn't see why they couldn't help us.

X. Concerns from Residents: none

XI. Adjourn: Suhaka adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.

**Newsletter assignments: Tippets-parking permit district, Bern-disk golf possibility**

**Email**

From: Andrew Firestine <[afirestine@centennialco.gov](mailto:afirestine@centennialco.gov)>

10/10/14 4:11

Subject: Residential Parking District

To: Andrea Suhaka <[standy@ecentral.com](mailto:standy@ecentral.com)>

Cc: Derek Holcomb <[dholcomb@centennialco.gov](mailto:dholcomb@centennialco.gov)>

Andrea,

The City's current residential parking district regulations are contained in Chapter 8, Article 2 of the Municipal Code (see <http://www.colocode.com/centennialpdf.html>). Here are some of the more salient points:

- Staff has the authority to designate a Residential Parking Permit District (the "District"), which is subject to the administrative review and approval by City Council.
- As currently adopted, the program only applies to high schools and state parks, but could be amended by City Council to include a major concert venue such as Fiddler's Green.
- The designation of a Residential Parking Permit District must be initiated by a petition signed by the owners or residents of 75 percent or more of the residential properties within the District.
- The adopted regulations read that the petition must be accompanied by a bond, letter of credit or other surety or agreement approved by the City to cover the cost of creating and installing signage for the District.
- The code reads that petitions may only be received once a year with January 30 being the cut-off date to submit a request to commence the petition process.
- The code contains criteria for the establishment of the District, which include "traffic conditions that are hazardous or a nuisance to residents of a substantial portion of the proposed District, or have resulted in the ongoing unavailability of sufficient parking spaces for residents or their visitors that are in close proximity to such residents' properties" and that "less restrictive measures to reduce parking concerns within the proposed District are not available or would be ineffective in addressing the problem..."
- There is a nominal fee of \$25 per household, charged at the time of application, to defray the cost of administering the program.
- Each resident may obtain a resident parking permit for each currently registered vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise currently operated by the resident.
- The code grants up to three visitor parking permits per residential address each year.
- The code contemplates special event parking that may require additional parking.

I would suggest that the neighborhood discuss both the creation of a district as well as the cost of creating a parking district with your District councilmembers. If you'd like, I can work with Chris Sheffer to have one

or both of us attend your next meeting to talk about how these programs have been administered in the past. Incidentally, Chris is also your contact for infill street lighting.

In closing, Derek Holcomb will be presenting the report to City Council. I indicated to him that you may be going back to your Board in November with more information on parking districts and that we should work together to present the study, available options, and potentially an opinion from Walnut Hills to City Council.

Andrew Firestine, AICP, etc.

From: Brian Bern <brianbern@gmail.com>  
To: Suhaka Andrea <standy@ecentral.com>  
Subject: Potential Walnut Hills Disc Golf Baskets

10/25/14 9/43 PM

Andrea,

As previously mentioned, I would like to explore the possibility of adding some disc golf baskets to the Little Dry Creek open space within Walnut Hills. After walking some of the open space with the South Suburban Parks and Rec Planning Director, Brett Collins, it sounds like SSPR would be supportive of an informal course so long as the baskets aren't too close to houses. They would also be open to a matching grant application this spring.

Taking SSPR's input into consideration, Angela and I walked the open space and came up with 9 potential basket locations as seen in the attached pdf and in the attached .kmz file which can be opened in Google Earth. We have also staked the potential basket locations with wooden stakes and orange flagging tape so that people can see the locations in real life. My intention is for this to be an informal disc golf course without tee boxes.

After we have had a chance to discuss the possibility of the baskets and the potential locations, we can start talking about basket options and costs (basket quality and costs vary significantly). The SSPR grant program matches dollar for dollar up to \$2,000 with most grants less than that max. I am personally volunteering my labor and will recruit the no cost support needed to install the baskets if we decide to move forward and successfully secure a SSPR grant.

Would you mind forwarding this email to the rest of the WHCA board? I don't think I have a current email list.

Thanks Andrea!

Sincerely, Brian Bern

