

# Walnut Hills Civic Association

## AGENDA

8 Dec 2011; 7 pm, Metrum Credit Union

- I. Call to order: Hillman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

X Engler (1)	_ Bethlenfalvay (8)
X Suhaka (2)	X Flannery (9)
X Meis (3)	X Hillman (10)
_ Zahner(4)	X Gania (11)
X Senn (5)	_ Murray (12)
X Jose (6)	X Tippets (13)
_ Neighborhood 7 (vacant)	X Gregg (14)
X GID: Maggie Haskett	X Lutton (15)
_ Ferrarello	<u>4</u> Guests: Shar Henry, Norm Lendl, Bob Rhodes, Carol Fisher
- III. The Garbage Man: discussion of discounted service for WHCA members
  - The Board had a long discussion about The Garbage Man. Mr. Bob Rhodes, President of the company, was present to answer our questions. (Please see the end of the minutes for the items discussed.)
  - The normal cost is \$191, annual fee. Depending on how many homeowners joined, residents would get a larger credit as more people sign up, starting at \$172.69, \$155.42, and \$144.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve communication by the WHCA to offer discounted trash service as a benefit of membership, without endorsing said service. (Flannery/Senn)
  - Hillman will write an article for the next *Newsletter* about this.
- IV. Correction and Approval of Minutes, 10 November, Suhaka
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Gregg/Meis)
- V. GID
  - A. Approval of bills, M. Haskett
    - MHaskett only had her own bill to present, \$500 for November. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve it. (Tippets/Jose)
    - Gary Jaeger painted the inside of the low sections of perimeter fence but has not given us his bill, yet.
  - B. Perimeter Improvements: 2012
    - This item was moved to January.
  - C. Other
    - Haskett has put Santa hats on trees on Quebec and our lighted wreaths on our entrance markers for the holidays.
    - Hillman has received the final contracts from the City for our GID services: Haskett, Jaeger, The Natural Way.
    - The Board had a brief discussion of a Qplowz contract for plowing the sidewalk along Arapahoe Rd. With no contract we would be liable for whatever he chooses to charge us. A contract is a good idea.

- Haskett discovered some cracked posts when decorating. She'll contact Mike Connor about our guarantee.
- The Natural Way will trim all the Russian olives on Arapahoe if we want.

## VI. Committee Reports

### A. Treasurer's Report, Engler

- Engler distributed a paper copy of the report.
- He did transfer money from checking to savings (\$3,000) to receive more interest.

### B. Membership Report, Suhaka

- There are currently 562 paid members.

### C. Website, Lutton: No report this month.

### D. WHCA code enforcement report

- Engler will write a *WHN* article for neighbors to keep the rights-of-way cleaned (website, too).

### E. Arapahoe Road I25 Improvement, Lutton/Gregg

- The Board briefly looked at the two sample letters for one the WHCA will send to the EA. The one with the numbered points is preferred.

### F. Report from the Chair, Hillman: No report at this time.

## VII. Old Business

### A. Board Mission

- Gania emailed her thoughts on a Mission Statement. (See the end of the minutes.)
- After a short discussion, the Board decided to save this decision for January.

### B. Neighbor to Neighbor, Engler: saved for January

### C. Holiday Lighting Contest, Hillman

- The Board will divide up the neighborhood and check their own areas and meet at Starbucks at 8 pm to choose the winners.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Sponsorship for WHCA activities

- A realtor has requested to sponsor something that the WHCA does. The Board discussed if we should take them up on their request.
- After talking, we decided we don't have enough information about what they would want in exchange and we don't want to look bought. Hillman will talk to them.

### B. Civic Association annual membership mailing, budget

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to set the budget for the membership mailing at \$1500. Engler/Senn)

### C. Annual Membership meeting

- Suhaka will contact Castlewood about having our annual meeting there on 3/8.

## X. Adjourn: 9:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka

### **Discussion of The Garbage Man (III.) (unabridged)**

- \$191 (-10%) annual fee, depending on how many homeowners, it slides down. Get a credit as more people sign up; \$172.69 (10-25%, \$155.42, \$144, 26-40%
- Wed. preferred, normally, could do Thurs. or Fri.
- JT: doesn't like us sponsoring one company
- HE: does the fee go up if you lose customers Rhodes: no
- DS: trash cans back to house BR: we offer that

- Cans cost \$90 for 96 gal, we also see recycling bins, but you can use what you want; do single stream recycle, every other week (next year recycle leaves)
- DG: limit on garbage BR: within reason, limit of 40 lbs.; tree branches need to be cut & bundled, no concrete or rocks, no dirt/sod
- Would do the Dumpster Day thing
- Christine Williams, Hammersmith 3/980-0700
- Petina Falk, 3/683-7370 Newland Meadows (360 homes)
- Payment comes from homeowners
- If a home is missed, will pick up as quickly as they have a truck in the area
- Will avoid kids walking to school hours
- Norm Lendl: get to fewer companies, less wear & tear on the roads
- Bob's #,720-837-9027; 720-842-4558 (office)
- Carol Fisher: my issue is tearing up the streets

**Mission Statement (VII.A.)** (as sent in email)

The Walnut Hills Civic Association (WHCA) was formed in 1965 to serve the common needs of our community. Officers and committee members are not compensated for their time; all of our efforts are expended on a volunteer basis.

The mission of the WHCA is threefold: first, to preserve the quality of our neighborhood; second, to keep the community informed on those issues that impact us; and third, to be an advocate for the community's position on those issues with local and state Government.

**To sustain the quality of our neighborhood the WHCA:**

- Participates in a GID and has input into community entrances and perimeter
- Sponsors the bi-annual Dumpster Days for Spring and Fall Clean-Up
- Sponsors neighborhood events such as an annual Easter egg hunt, National Night Out, and a Fourth of July parade and ice cream social
- Supports community organizations to include the local schools, local Boy and Girl Scouts, Walnut Hills neighborhood newsletter and neighborhood scholarship fund

**To keep the community informed the WHCA:**

- Monitors local Government activity to learn about issues that pertain to us
- Contributes articles and support to the Walnut Hills newsletter
- Conducts monthly meetings open to the residents of the neighborhood with informative speakers
- Operates a community web site

**To advocate for the community the WHCA:**

- Maintains an active relationship with local and state Government
- Participates on Government task forces that address the issues that concern us
- Coordinates with other citizen associations on common issues
- Informs our elected officials of the community's position on the issues

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