

Walnut Hills Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Walnut Hills civic Association was called to order at 7:00P on January 10, 2008 at Metrum Credit Union by Jerry Greyson.

Present:

Jerry Greyson, Julie Marsicek, Cheryl Parker, Brian Olson, John Fuller, Benn Titleman, Susan Holter, Frank Haskett, Ed Smith, Betty Foley, Beth Rapp, Gail Romero, Bill Wilson, Jeff McCall, and Donna Senn.

Beth Rapp of 8538 E Costilla Ave volunteered to fill Neighborhood #1 position. Susan Holter motioned her acceptance and Ed Smith seconded, all approved.

GID

Jim Graham gave copy of email from Susan Fowler showing the WHCA GID total as of 10-31-07. Total amount of \$378,872.83.

All approved bill submitted by Jim Graham. I did not see who motioned or seconded.

Jim Graham reported two accidents that went through the fences on Quebec St. The first one occurred on Dec 21, 2007 resulting in a police report and insurance provided. The second occurred on Dec 23, 2007; the young man was drunk with no driver's license and questionable insurance.

Approval of Minutes

Brian Olson asked for amends of last months minutes that approval was made on new awarded Holiday lighting amounts of \$100, \$75, \$50, changes were made. Brian Olson motioned to accept last months minutes, Donna Senn seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report

John Fuller had Bank statement for December that agreed with WHCA General Operating Fund for 2007. John mentioned he was not sure if we were covered by D&O insurance, but paid invoice in December. John explained WHCA deficit due to approved purchases for Honoring benches, WHCA calendars, and D&O insurance.

There was talk about budget setting for 2008 at Feb meeting. John fuller suggested following the budget from years past and starts our discussion from there. Frank Haskett motioned to accept the treasury report, Mark Trenka seconded. All approved.

A break was taken from the meeting to introduce Monica Danfelder. Mrs Danfelder accepted the second place check for WHCA Holiday lighting contest of \$75.00 from Ed Smith. Mark Trenka accepted third place check of \$50 and donated his winnings to the WHCA Scholarship Fund. According to Ed Smith the first place winner is disabled and could not come to receive the check. Frank Haskett volunteered to deliver \$100 check in person.

Committee Reports

WH Beautification/ Zoning and Ordinance

Frank Haskett reports the City of Centennial Code Enforcement Officer has been making regular rounds in Walnut Hills. The officer's name is Harriet Stewart. Frank had mentioned that passenger service out of Centennial Airport has been tabled for now.

Welcome Wagon

Donna Senn reports 5 houses were sold in Walnut Hills the month of December. A discussion about a new WH telephone directory either hard copied or virtual (in WH website) was tabled. Discussion about Opt in or Opt out about personal information be applied to the membership form along with Volunteer check boxes.

Membership Drive Committee

Ed Smith accepts Membership Drive Chair with Julie Marsicek volunteering to help him. Ed Smith will write an article for the newsletter about the pros of becoming a member of WHCA

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No report given. Andrea was missed and no updates are on hand.

Open Issues

Jerry Grayson Motioned that the Scholarship Monies be put in a separate account from the General Funds account, Betty Foley seconded. It did not pass

John Fuller brought up the need for a Nominating Committee for the upcoming even numbered neighborhood election will take place during the Annual Meeting held in March 2008. Volunteering for this committee was Betty Foley and Beth Rapp.

Ben Titleman volunteered to audit WHCA finances.

John Fuller asked that WHCA activity dates be accepted as follows:

Easter Egg Hunt March 15 (snow Day) March 22

Spring Dumpster Days May 10 and May 17

Fourth of July and Ice Cream Social

Fall Dumpster Day October 18

Motion made by John Fuller to accept dates, Mark Trenka seconded. All Approved.

New Business

Discussion about a Meet and Greet by all neighborhood reps at 4th of July Ice cream social. It was decided this should be on the agenda for a later date.

Brian Olson brought up "more" social events options be discussed at future meetings.

There were questions asked about using the GID fund for plowing the Walnut Hills streets and if GID should be put on the WH website. Both questions will be put to Jim Graham.

Brian Olson raises the issue on doing a door to door membership campaign and raising the dues to \$25. The majority liked the door to door concept, but thought it was too early to raise the dues. Brian Olson motioned the raise of membership due to \$25, Betty Foley seconded. It did not pass.

John Fuller suggested an uplifting article in the newsletter about what the dues do for everyone. He asked if the signage should be used. Ed Smith will include the information in his article. Signage usage was tabled.

A suggestion from Jerry Greyson about starting a program for the elderly to keep them safe in their homes.

Examples were given about programs already in service and the neighborly volunteer base that exist now. The majority decided this needs to occur outside the WHCA boundaries.

Beth Rapp brought up a concern about the GID fence located behind the strip mall at Briarwood and Willow. There used to be a walk through and the new fence closed it up. People are still jumping that area making the neighbors angry. Should we put a walk thru back in? It was decided that Jim Graham would have further information.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:02PM by Frank Haskett, seconded by Jerry Greyson. All approved.