

Walnut Hills Civic Association

13 February, 2008

Minutes

- I. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Attendance. (Five members constitute a quorum.)
 - Betty Foley, Nbhd 11
 - Jerry Greyson, President, At Large 13
 - Gary Jaeger, for Jim Graham
 - Julie Marsicek, At Large 14
 - Brian Olson, Nbhd 9
 - Beth Rapp, Nbhd 1
 - Ed Smith, Nbhd 12
 - Andrea Suhaka, Nbhd 2
 - Aubrey Annas (guest) 596-7281, cjaubz@earthlink Frank Haskett
- III. Reports:
 - A. Jim Graham is very ill. Frank Haskett.
 - Gary Jaeger, Jim recommended that Gary take over from him
 - Gary is familiar with the job and has been doing an excellent job
 - We will table discussion on the GID until Mark Trenka is present.
 - GID bill: 1139.50, Gary (Olson/Haskett-unanimous)
 - B. Minutes of the meeting of 1/10/08 were approved. (Senn/Foley – unanimous)
 - C. Treasurer's report . John Fuller was not present and his report is appended to these minutes. Jerry distributed the material.
 - Some small deposits were made to our checking account by PayPal to verify it.
 - We now will be able to collect dues payments on our web site through PayPal.
 - The finance report was approved, minus the PayPal deposits. (Senn/Marsicek-unanimous)
 - D. Chairman's report:
 1. Web payment testing and examples of PayPal reporting.
 - Jerry passed around sheets to show what the Walnut Hills would receive from PayPal
 - We can get a history of recent and monthly transactions.
 - John will accept the emails from PayPal.
 - PayPal would send the information to up to 7 email addresses on the account.
 - PayPal would cost WHCA 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction
 - We need a good blurb about the Walnut Hills Scholarship for the web site.
 2. The Directors and Officers insurance policy was issued effective January 11, 2008.
 - E. Membership Chairman. Ed Smith.

There was a great deal of discussion about the mechanism for mailing the dues statements.

 1. Mechanism for mailings (Envelope stuffing, mailing labels, discussion).

- Membership fiscal year starts 1 April. The question was asked if we should make our fiscal year the calendar year. The consensus was no.
- (Cheryl Parker) will set up a booth for dues collection at Easter Egg Hunt in March. Frank will help.
- Brian said we should add check boxes to the dues form to indicate an interest in volunteering to help with Walnut Hills activities
- Donna will verify the Boy Scout troop that will do the stuffing and mailing of the dues statements.
- The labels on the envelopes should be to "Current resident or..."
- There was discussion about going back to a P O Box. The group agreed to go in that direction.
- A motion was made and passed for the Board to set a limit of \$1500 for total cost of membership mailing process. (Olson/Haskett-unanimous)
- Jerry will check on the cost of a POBox/ A motion was made and passed to limit the cost of a box to \$100. (Olson/Haskett-unanimous)

2. Jerry will prepare a letter to also go out with the dues statement about WHCA activities and the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund.

F. Zoning, ordinance compliance activities. Frank Haskett gave a brief update.

G. Welcome Wagon was postponed to March agenda. Donna would like us to find someone else to do this.

IV. Old Business:

A. The board will need for a board representatives from Neighborhood 6 & 12. Ed will step down as he has become too busy to continue. He will continue to help with membership.

- We will try to get notice of the annual meeting in march on the big notice boards at the schools (Donna will talk to Walnut Hills School.)

B. Betty Foley will be on the Nominating committee for board members for March meeting.

C. Willow/Briarwood corner problem. John sent us all an email about youth trying to get out of the neighborhood over the fence into the retail area at the corner of E. Briarwood Ave. and S. Willow St. We will hold this discussion for the April board meeting.

V. New Business

A. GID contractor.

Jim Graham will probably not be able to continue. Gary Jaeger, who has been assisting Jim, and has been the contractor repairing our fence, has been recommended by Jim as a possible replacement, will be present at our meeting.

B. Possible Amendments to the Bylaws, Brian Olson.

- This will be taken up at a later meeting.

C. General Membership Meeting:

1. New signs? Mark Trenka was not present so we tabled this item.

2. We had a short discussion on our signs: who sets them out and where and who has them.
 - Brian (E. Easter Pl. & Quebec)
 - Donna will check on signs at schools
 - Frank, Davies & Yosemite

3. Program for the March general membership meeting.
 - a. Who should be invited to speak. (Betty has already published a newsletter article.)
 - Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will send a deputy.
 - We will probably not be able to get our representative to the Airport Noise organization, but Frank will ask him.
 - Andrea will invite our Ward III representatives.
 - Andrea would like to get someone to talk about the new Home Rule Charter.
 - Jerry will invite someone from South Metro Fire District.
 - We discussed membership. It will need to be mailed out in time for people to bring their payments to the March meeting.
 - Andrea will ask Tex Elam if he has any city transportations issues to discuss from the city.
 - Donna will ask the Boy Scouts that are stuffing the membership materials to do the opening flag ceremony.
 - Andrea will invite Mike Fronapfel from Centennial Airport for an update on the airport.
 - We'll talk about upcoming special events that WHCA sponsors
 - Andrea will invite the Library to speak.
 - Betty will bring paper for voting if needed.
 - Beth will run a membership list.

 - b. Board members will be Introduced.

 - c. If names are provided by the Nominating Committee, we'll be voting on even numbered neighborhoods.

 - d. At this time we don't have any By-Laws amendments being proposed..

- D. Aubrey Annas was present to ask where the "No right turn on Quebec" during specific hours, going north, started. Is there any way to get a residential exemption? No one present knew how long that had been in effect, seemed like at least 10 years. It would most likely be much too difficult for a patrol deputy to check if a person is a resident and it's pretty easy to enter Walnut Hills by other streets and void those "No Right Turns."

VI. Adourn. The meeting adjourned at about 9 pm.

Future Action Item: Discuss amending the By-Laws.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka, Secretary.

Update for WHCA February Meeting

Since the February meeting was rescheduled for a date that I could not be there I thought I should let you all know of some issues in which I have been involved and to update you on these issues.

1. Treasurers Report:

- I have made copies of my Treasurers Report and will give them to Jerry for distribution. I suspect he may also have some comments about the role of the treasurer.
- I have also included a copy of the Jan 31 bank statement so that my report can be verified.
- Due to the fact that the bank has changed their routing number, we need to have new checks printed.
- My issue is whether or not we should put an address on the checks? If so which one? If we get a post office box, it is about \$75/year and someone needs to check it every week or so. Since we write such a limited number of checks and officers do change I wonder how wise this would be. This need to be decided now so that I can order checks.

2. GID Report:

When Jim Graham became ill I met with him and agreed to voluntarily fill in for him as GID Project Manager for Walnut Hills until his contract with WHCA expires on March 31, 2008. I wanted to take this opportunity to let the WHCA board know of my activities since filling in for Jim.

1. First I met with Paulette Vigil, who coordinates our account with the City of Centennial, to update her on the situation and submit bills that had not been submitted in Jan.
2. I met with Timothy P. Cox, Asst City Attorney, updating him on our situation and receiving a letter, "intended to provide an overview of the situation". This guides us through what needs to be done in the future. I will be glad to review this at our next meeting.
3. I contacted both homeowners of property along Quebec that had been damaged by automobile accidents in Dec to assure them that we (WHCA) are making provisions for repair.
4. I contacted Gary Jaeger, who had already put up temporary fences, and who indicated he would be glad to repair the fences, but was waiting for the ground to thaw. A second contact with Mr. Jaeger provided me with an Invoice to be submitted to GID and to the insurance companies.
5. I contacted both insurance companies about the process for collecting insurance payments. One car was insured and Gary Jaeger's invoice has been sent to them. The second car was not insured, so I obtained a copy of the police report and sent a Certified Letter to the driver and owner of the car requesting payment before going to court with the driver who was ticked for a DUI. I contacted Timothy Cox, city attorney about this procedure.
6. I have contacted Ground Services a couple of times about our situation and their responsibilities. Jim and I discussed having the snow removed along Arapahoe Rd. We both agreed that it probably was not worth the approximate \$4,000 that it would cost. Just let it melt. I would appreciate the board's input on this.
7. I have taken steps to see that all of Jim's obligations have been and will be fulfilled.
8. I have given Jerry Greyson copies of bills to be approved by Mark Trenka for February '08.

3. East Briarwood Ave. So Willow St. Issue:

I have submitted a written report to Jerry Greyson, WHCA president, and Beth Rapp, Neighborhood 1 Representative, outlining details, but wanted the board to know my activities. The principal players in this situation are: Bruce Glasky of 8489 E. Briarwood Ave, Randy Lutton of 6724 S. Willow St, homeowners, Kelmore Development Corp, Management Corp of the property at 8586 E. Arapahoe Rd (SW corner of E Arapahoe Rd and S Yosemite St) and us (WHCA). I have met with the 2 homeowners on 2 different occasions, once with Jim Graham and once with a deputy from the ArapCo Sheriffs Dept. I have also visited with a number of residents on S. Willow and E Briarwood. I have had 3 meetings with the Kelmore Corp and contacts with Shar Henry former Board Member. I also agreed to have a meeting with some of the people climbing the fence in order to gain outside access, but this did not work out.

The bottom line is that this is NOT a win-win situation. The immediate neighbors want people to quit climbing the fence and do not want an opening reinstated. The rest of neighborhood would not mind an opening and some would welcome it. The development company is willing to reinstall an opening with some conditions. The board will need to decide the direction to take, but I would suggest this not be decided until all parties have an opportunity to be present at a WHCA board meeting and present their viewpoints. Since there may be some implications for GID, I would suggest that the GID Project Manager be the one to follow up.

4. Membership :

I would like to comment on what has been done in the past and what has worked well.

The invoices (I have provided 12 copies to Jerry G) have previously been sent out in March with self-addressed envelopes to me and a letter from the president and list of Walnut Hills activities . I have taken out the checks, recorded dues, and scholarship amounts credited to the respective resident for my report, deposited the checks, and sent the invoices on to the person handling membership for their records.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
John H. Fuller, Treasurer, WHCA 2/11/2008