

**Walnut Hills Civic Association
Annual Meeting**

March 11, 2021, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to order: Chair Julie Gamec called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. Attendance (15 members constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.) There was no quorum.

<u>X</u> Lutton, Randy (1)	<u>X</u> Gamec, Julie (6/GID)	<u>Ex</u> Hauschild, Ed (11)
<u>X</u> Suhaka, Andrea (2)	<u>X</u> Draheim, Tyler (7)	<u>X</u> Fischer, Carol (12)
<u>X</u> Katich, Mike (3)	<u>X</u> Brooks, Barb (8)	<u>Ex</u> Stefani, Andrew (13)
<u>X</u> Garcia, Myra (4)	— Vacant (9)	— Vacant (14)
<u>X</u> Senn, Donna (5)	— Vacant (10)	— Vacant (15)

Guests: Mike Sutherland, Rik Holt, Mayor Piko, Teolyn Bourbonne, Michael Weaver, Jon Snyder, Paula Hillman, Kevin Watanabe, Ilsa Gregg

3. Correction and Approval of Minutes of the 3/12/20 Annual Meeting & the 2/11/21 Board meeting:
 - A motion was made, seconded (Senn/Fischer), and could not be voted due to lack of a quorum to approve the minutes of the 3/12/20 Annual Meeting.
 - A correction was proposed to the 2/11/21 Board meeting minutes. The total amount of the GID bills was \$772. A motion was made, seconded (Senn/Garcia), and could not be voted due to a lack of quorum to approve the 2/11/21 Board minutes as corrected.
4. GID, Gamec:
 - A. Approval of bills:
 - A motion was made, seconded (Lutton/Fischer), and could not be voted due to lack of a quorum to approve the total GID bills of \$1102.
 - \$559 for Gamec's bill for Feb. and a month of the storage unit.
 - \$200 for Zahner's bill for Feb.
 - \$343 for Singing Hills' snow plow for Arapahoe Rd.
 - B. Projects/Other:
 - A motion was made, seconded, and could not be voted due to lack of a quorum to approve Blinks fence quote for Yosemite fence repairs on 12/11/20 of \$1390.
 - There was another accident with a car going through the back fence at 7322 E. Hinsdale Ct. on S. Quebec St. Gamec will have Blinks out for an estimate.
 - We've received the High Altitude 2021 contract. It needs to be signed by WHGID Representative and GID project manager.
 - Liability insurance for Gamec and Zahner is due to the City in April.
 - The GID still needs an accident report for 12/11/20 Yosemite/Briarwood? Suhaka is still trying to get it.
5. Special Guests
 - Mayor Stephanie Piko
 - The Mayor told us she represents the City at many different meetings: at County meetings, Federal meetings, and in many others
 - Centennial has given out \$10 million in CARES money to small businesses, senior residential facilities, and nonprofits in the City.

- The City will get more money to do good things with in this new round from the Federal government. The City will put together another program.
- I'm on the National League of Cities Board of Directors.
- I'm running for reelection this year. Let people know that there will be a Centennial election this year, for mayor & Council member in each District.
- For the moment there is still Covid testing at the City, in the park's parking lot.
- District 3 Council Member Mike Sutherland
 - Centennial partnered with Arapahoe Community College for the Displaced Workers Boot Camp, a program to retrain workers for different jobs. It was a weeklong program in updating skills. There were two groups of 20 from the City. They were each given an \$1,100 for more workforce training at ACC.
 - We've been monitoring our budget closely. We're very positive going forward, we should have a good recovery.
- District 3 Council Member Rik Holt
 - On the fiscal welfare of the City: We projected our budget to be down 35% originally for 2020 but, now, we're didn't do that poorly and we're only about 5% down.
 - Gamec: Is there a link to who got the CARES Act money? Piko: The City just published it this week on the web. We just opened a financial portal for the City. Check it out.
 - Garcia: People are struggling to get basic food. Centennial citizens are picking up from Aurora & Denver food pantries. How is the City supporting food banks? Piko: Several nonprofit food pantries in Centennial have received CARES money: Salvation Army, Covenant Cupboard, through the County, Smoky Hill Vinyard.
 - Garcia: There seems to be a high number of burglaries & thefts of cars? Piko: The challenge has been Covid, ACSO made the choice not to arrest people & put them in jail; they're not detaining people. This s definitely frustrating to all the cities.
- Walnut Hills Elementary Principal Teolyn Bourbonnie
 - I've been here 5 years. The Walnut Hills enrollment has gone up.
 - We've had a very low Covid transmission rate at the school due to the precautions we take: all wear masks and distancing. School is the safest place to be.
 - We've all learned a lot in technology this past year.
 - I will be leaving Walnut Hills to open a new Cherry Creek school at the end of the school year.
- Dry Creek Elementary Principal, Kevin Watanabe
 - I'm a Colorado native, born and raised.
 - Last week was the 1 year anniversary of schools closing.
 - Cherry Creek is very science based; they're data based on how they handled Covid.
 - We now have 250 students in person and 75 went to the online option.
 - Teachers are the heroes of this pandemic, doing amazing work throughout this.
 - The majority of our staff is getting the vaccine.
 - We'll be having some drumming performances by the 5th grade.
 - We'll also have a talent show.
 - We hope to have an outside in person continuation in May.
- Gamec: Welcomed Kevin to the Walnut Hills community.

6. Board elections: Senn we still have a lot of Board vacancies.
 - Gamec asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. She announced that those in the odd numbered Neighborhoods have all agreed to stay for **another term**. There was no quorum to vote on the slate.
 - Neighborhood 1 Randy Lutton
 - Neighborhood 3 Mike Katich
 - Neighborhood 5 Donna Senn
 - Neighborhood 7 Tyler Draheim
 - Neighborhood 9 Still vacant
 - Neighborhood 11 Ed Hauschild
 - Neighborhood 13 Andrew Stefani
 - Neighborhood 15 Still vacant
 - Andrea Suhaka in District 2 announced that she will be stepping down due to her formation and chairing a new nonprofit, Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County. Neighborhood 2 will be vacant.

7. Committee Reports:
 - A. Treasurer's Report, Lutton:
 - There has been very little activity in our bank accounts.
 - Checking account, \$483.83
 - Savings account, \$27,274.40 Save
 - For a total of \$27,758
 - PayPal, \$86.49
 - 1 outstanding check that has since cleared in May.
 - A motion was made and seconded to pay the **CenCON annual dues of \$40 (Senn/Fischer)**. It could not be voted due to lack of a quorum.
 - A motion was made and seconded to **pay Fischer's postage bill of \$23.30 (Gamec/Brooks)**. It could not be voted due to lack of a quorum.
 - A bill for \$250 from CNA Insurance was presented with no notice as to what it was for? We'll do an email board vote when we find out.
 - B. Website, Lutton:
 - The current *Walnut Hills Newsletter* has been added. I need the community calendar.
 - C. Membership Report, Lutton:
 - 488 membership payments have been made for 476 homes (Some owners & renters for the same property have paid.).
 - A motion was made and seconded (Suhaka/Lutton) to **allow Gamec to pay up to \$1,000 for the membership mailing**. It could not be voted due to lack of a quorum.
 - D. Welcome Wagon, Fischer:
 - Fischer sent out 8 letters this week; there seems to be more activity in house sales.
 - Draheim gave a Walnut Hills real estate update: Prices are highest they've ever been. \$625,000 is the highest he's seen; some are only under contract for 5 days.
 - E. Compliance Calendar, Brooks:
 - In March Senn is to shop insurance. Senn still needs copies of the current invoices with which to compare prices.
 - Gamec needs to make our SSPRD reservations as soon as we have our event calendar set.

- Garcia has requested food truck dates (Tuesdays or Wednesdays) that will be approved by that organization in April. She would like to add Bone Appetite, treats for dogs. Once scheduled, food trucks will be by the tennis courts from about 5/15 to the end of Sept.

F. Report from the Chair, Gamec:

- Metrum Community Credit Union's Community Room is now open for meetings. Gamec will plan our next Board meeting in person for 4/8.
- Metrum is has Community Sponsorship opportunities of up to \$600. We'll apply to have the money for electronic recycling at the Oct. Dumpster Day (10/9).
- Suhaka added that the Centennial Community Grants should be up by June and we can apply there for our events, as well.
- We have rechartered with Boy Scout Troop 257.
- Membership mailing: We're unsure of how to get it done because of Covid. The Boy Scout troop hasn't been meeting in person and they've always folded, stuffed, stamped, and mailed it.
- *WHCA Newsletter* articles
 - Gregg would like a crime article from Garcia.
 - Draheim can write a real estate piece.
 - Fischer should write a welcome letter to all of our new residents.
 - Suhaka will write an article on what to do if there's a crash through our perimeter fence.

8. Old business:

A. Event Calendar

- The Easter Egg Hunt will be moved to April 10, 11a, no rain date. Masks will be mandatory; there will be no crafts nor Easter Bunny.
- Food Trucks (not on the calendar)
- Dumpster Days, 5/8 & 11, 8-11 or until full
- Walnut Hills Garage Sale, 6/4&5
- 4th of July Parade (MG, DS) and Ice Cream Social (individual novelties, no scooping)
- National Night Out, 8/3, 6-8pm
- Yoga, 6/13 & 27, 7/11 & 26, 8/8 & 22
- Beer Night, 9/28, 6-8pm
- Dumpster Day & Electronic Recycling, 10/9, 8-11 or until full
- Halloween Party, 10/30, 2-4 pm
- Holiday Lightning, week of Dec. 19
- Annual Meeting, 3/10/22, 7pm
- Events subject to change or cancellation, check the website to be sure.

7. New Business

- SSPRD has a Matching Gifts program will end in March.
- Everyone currently on the Board will stay for a two-year term except, odd numbered neighborhoods and Suhaka is stepping down. There is currently no one to replace her. Board members were elected by acclaim.

A. Upcoming Events:

- A. Easter Egg Hunt, 4/10, 11am (Mandatory masks, a later date for more safety)

- B. Neighborhood concerns/questions:
- None
- C. Adjourn: Gamec adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

From: kpadrevita <kpadrevita@metrumcu.org>
Subject: Metrum Credit Union Community Room is Open!

Date: Friday, February 26, 2021

Hello Community Partners,

We are excited to announce that the Community Room at Metrum Credit Union is back open!

During this past year, we have taken the opportunity to make some updates to the furniture in the space and improve the ability to 'physically distance'.

The large TV is still available to allow you to plug in a laptop and utilize the large display for internal use, or even expand your meeting virtually to those unable to attend in person.

I do need to note that while we are still under State-ordered capacity limitations, there is a maximum of 12 people that can be in the room at one time. It will also be up to your group to enforce any physical distancing measures.

I've attached the Room Request Form for your group to complete if you are interested in getting back on the schedule. Since it has been nearly a year, I will need this document completed and we will set up a time to meet and review the security system before your group actually meets.

I will hold your previous meeting days until I either hear from you that you will not be coming back or through March 31, 2021. Should you not respond by March 31, your days will be released and will be offered as a first come, first need basis.

We look forward to continuing to serve your community and look forward to seeing you all soon again!

Stay Well,
Karen Padrevita
Metrum Community Credit Union