

**Walnut Hills Civic Association
ANNUAL MEETING**

March 3, 2020, 7:00 PM, Metrum Community Credit Union

Minutes

1. Call to order: Chair Julie Gamec called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. Attendance (15 members constitute a quorum.) 18 residents were present.

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

Guests: Jesse Alcorta, Dick & Peggy Castle, Jan & John Fuller, Paula Hillman, Laura Klee, Rick Marsicek, Diana Miller, Steven Ricci, Cindy Stark, Duane Thompson, Boy Scout Troop 257

E. Flag Ceremony, Performed by Boy Scout Troop 257

F. Metrum Credit Union, Karen Padrevita

- Padrevita welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- She told us that the credit union was now offering 2.5% mortgages.

C. Brief Board business:

- Gamec: Metrum has given the WHCA a grant for shade structures along Little Dry Creek Trail, by the school, in Walnut Hills.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Katich/Garcia)
- Board elections:
 - Nominations: board members in the even numbered neighborhoods are up for elections. All current board members are running for re-election: Monica Danfelser (2), Myra Garcia (4), Julie Gamec (6), Barb Brooks (8), Carol Fischer (12). Tyler Draheim volunteered for the Board and was approved for Neighborhood 9.
 - A motion was made to elect all, seconded, and passed unanimously. (Gamec/Katich)
 - The Board still has 3 vacancies.
- GID information:
 - Gamec gave a brief description of what the General Improvement District is.
 - Gamec is the GID Project Manager and Andrea Suhaka is the GID Representative to the City.
 - Gamec asked those present not to hesitate to give her their ideas.
 - Projects we've completed in the past are the disk golf course and the widening of the Uinta sidewalk.
 - Gamec will doing some improvements at Dry Creek & Quebec so the mulch stays on the dirt.
 - Senn added that if anyone sees anything that needs fixing, call your neighborhood representative. Gamec said you can always contact us through our website: www.walnuthillscolorado.org.

- Due to the COVID-19, we'll be cancelling the Easter Egg Hunt. We're not planning for a make-up event.
 - We also need to consider where/how our Board meetings will be held in the near future.
- Gamec described the Walnut Hills Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan happening in Walnut Hills. This is a way the City helps with traffic problems in neighborhoods. We're hoping to do some traffic calming on Costilla Blvd. by the school. There will be a 2nd public meeting in the spring.
- Dumpster Days will happen as usual in May, the 9th and the 16th, at Walnut Hills School.
- Gamec also indicated that she still had a few "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs left.

On with the Annual Meeting agenda.

D. Boy Scout Troop 257

- Drew Berke, Scout Leader of the Troop: This is a Walnut Hills troop, very local.
- Gamec pointed out that this troop processed our membership mailing for us.

E. Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund

- Scott Bess told us that contributions are down but level. There was an anonymous donation at end of 2018 allowed them to cover one of the scholarships. They then received a donation from an IRA distribution at end of 2019. They are a 501(c)(3). They need to attract more donors. They've put a notice on the Walnut Hills School electronic message board and on NextDoor. They've only had 5 applicants for the scholarships this year.
- There was a brief discussion on where high school kids get info about the scholarships.
- Bess continued to invite anyone to review their books.
- Senn asked what their scholarship goal? Bess answered that they wanted to continue with 4 scholarships.
- Klee asked how many people have contributed? Bess answered that 150 people contributed. It's still too early this year to know what the funds will be for this year.
- Fuller asked about broadening the scholarship range as they've done in the past, maybe grants that might be scholarship quality. What about needs based? Bess commented that, we'll need to look at those; who may not be going to a 4-year degree.
- Lutton indicated that the WHCA could create a scholarship page on our website.

F. Walnut Hills PTCO

- Jocelyn Rubinetti spoke for the PTCO.
- Walnut Hills is the smallest school in the Cherry Creek School District but, the school enrollment is growing.
- 1/2 of the PCTO budget goes to paying for classroom assistants, \$22,000 this year. They also give teacher grants.

G. Jay Buerger was not present for the neighborhood real estate report. Tyler Draheim gave it.

- There's been a strong market. In the last 2½ months, 20 homes have sold.
- The Board suggested that Realtors in the neighborhood could push the existence of our scholarships. Senn suggested that Realtors hand buyers a newsletter

H. AUC-4 (City of Centennial consultant for the Arapahoe/Yosemite corner) was not present. www.centennialco.gov/arapahoyosemite

I. Cherry Creek School District was not present but was covered by Rubinetti.

- School bond issue this year, please, vote for it
- All CCSD schools have a maker space

- Innovation Campus serves lunch there on Tues. & Wed. (kids learning restaurant jobs)

J. Arapahoe County Sheriff did not attend, either.

K. Upcoming Events

- Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled due to COVID-19

Final Note: We'll try to reschedule the AUC4, Cherry Creek School District, and the Sheriff's Office presentations.

L. Adjourn: Gamec adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Minutes presented respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka, Secretary.