

**Walnut Hills Civic Association  
BOARD MEETING**

June 11, 2020, 7:00 PM, Zoom  
Zoom Meeting

**Minutes**

1. Call to order: Chair Julie Gamec called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
2. Attendance (A quorum was present.)

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

Guests:

3. Correction and Approval of the Minutes of 5/14/20.
  - Gamec made a correction to the minutes: Under 7.B. Fire trucks aren't available this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July because of covid-19.
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. (Fischer/Garcia)
4. GID, Gamec:
  - A. Approval of bills:
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the bills as listed below. (Lutton/Fischer)
      - Gamec's bill for \$500
      - Matt Zahner's bill for 14 hours of fence repair on Yosemite for \$550
      - High Altitude's bill for up to \$2600 (It hadn't been submitted to Gamec on time.)
      - Total: \$3650
  - B. Projects:
    - Tree removal at Briarwood & Yosemite: The Board has decided by email vote not to pay for it. It would create a slippery slope situation for the GID.
    - Tree blocking view at Hinsdale Pl & Quebec: The junipers on the north & south sides of the intersection block a safe view of traffic to turn onto Quebec. Gamec has asked High Altitude for a quote to remove them; she hasn't heard back, yet. There's been another request for a tree at Dry Creek & Quince but, it doesn't seem to be a serious problem. We shouldn't be in the habit of just removing trees. Gamec asked the Board to, please, drop by those sites and look at the problems.
    - Fence Repair: Blinks Fencing has been hired to fix the fence between Tamarac St. & Hunters Hill. Gamec contact all of the neighbors and they're on board.
    - Backflow test: The backflow valve at Uinta & Arapahoe for our watering on Arapahoe Rd. has been tested and passed.
    - Lutton asked if not cutting down the junipers would cause a liability; do they have to be cut? Fischer wanted to know if they're on GID property. Gamec answered that, yes, they're blocking the view and, yes, they're on GID property.
    - Fischer reported that there was a lot of shrubbery hanging over the fences on Quebec. Gamec said the last time she did a check of the area, a lot of it isn't actually touching the fence.

5. Committee Reports:
  - A. Treasurer's Report, Lutton:
    - Lutton reported that we have \$29,434.87 in both accounts; the only expense was the \$1,800 The Garbage Man bill.
    - The ICD bill for Garage Sale banners was \$216.62. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pay the ICD bill. (Garcia/Brooks) We've also received the National Night Out signs.
    - Draheim asked if he should hold onto the Beer Night signs. Gamec replied for him to keep them until we see each other again in person.
  - B. Website, Lutton: Lutton has the latest *Newsletter* and needs to put it on the website.
  - C. Membership Report, Lutton: We've 438 payments for 431 addresses.
  - D. Compliance Calendar: Suhaka
    - June, File 990-N form in June
    - June, Sec. of State charitable registration due in June
    - July, Sec of State Periodic Report: already done by Julie
    - July, Internal Financial Audit: Ed, Myra & Randy
    - Lutton stated that the WHCA needs to file taxes in June. He still needs the *Newsletter* numbers. If the total income is over \$50,000, we could be in trouble.
  - E. Report from the Chair, Gamec:
    - Event costs with SSPRD: Gamec reported that we can apply the credit toward next year, keep a record of what was canceled (to date Easter Egg Hunt): Gamec asked them to credit to next year.
    - Yoga: Gamec reported we'll still have June's yoga classes. The instructor has been confirmed. Must wear masks, 6' apart & maintain SSPRD rules. June is set. Will pay her for each event. Myra will post on NextDoor tomorrow
    - We need decide on 4th of July: Should we cancel? A motion was made to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year, seconded, and passed. (Brooks/Suhaka) The vote was 5-3. Those opposed were Garcia, Fischer, Hauschild. Hauschild asked if we could have the ice cream social for National Night Out. Several commented that that sounded like a good idea. We'll discuss further in July.
6. Old business:
  - A. Garage Sale: Garcia had a garage sale that wasn't good. Draheim saw a few and Fischer saw 2.
  - B. Report from Fischer on the Welcome Wagon. She sent out 7 welcome letters.+
7. Upcoming Events:
  - A. Yoga in the Park, 6/14 & 28. Pay by mtg
  - B. Art Walk, 6/19, organized by a resident, on our website, if it goes well will do it 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri.
  - C. 4<sup>th</sup> of July: cancel
  - D. National Night Out/Walnut Hills Block Party, 8/4 -
8. Neighborhood concerns/questions:
  - None from neighbors but Board reported on some.
    - Garcia said there have been reports on NextDoor of a number of thefts. Cars have been stolen, homes broken into.
    - Gamec has notified the Sheriff's Office; they'll notify our neighborhood deputies.
9. Adjourn: Gamec adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka

Here's the email Gamec sent to the Sheriff's Office and their response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amanda Cruz Giordano

Sent: Fri, May 29, 2020 4:08 pm

To: Gamec, Scott Sickafoose

Subject: Re: Walnut Hills - Request for Additional ACSO presence

Hi Julie! I am the correct person. You are absolutely correct, crime in general within Arapahoe county has gone up. I can certainly pass on the information to the patrol Lieutenants to pass on to their troops. I'm sure they will swing through if they get an opportunity.

Amanda

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From: Gamec

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:01:14 PM

To: Scott Sickafoose, Amanda Cruz Giordano

Subject: Walnut Hills - Request for Additional ACSO presence

Good afternoon Officers!

I don't know that either of you is the correct person to reach out to, but you are the two I think of -

The Walnut Hills Civic Association Board has received multiple reports of breaking in and petty theft in the last month or so - sounds like generally, folks are getting into storage sheds, open garages and the like.

How do I go about requesting more Sherriff's presence in the neighborhood? I would suspect that we are not the only neighborhood with increased "activity" as that folks are home and bored (at least that is my situation).

If there is someone else that would be better to reach out to, please let me know.

As always, thank you for all you do for Walnut Hills and our community at large!

Thanks!

Julie