

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

DATE: June 13, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tim McHugh, Bill Tracy, Lance Musselman, Joanne Asher, Lee Berkey, Butch Clark, Ana Quintana and Monica Brisnehan.

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim at 6:45 p.m. at St. John's

The minutes for the May 9th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Board members, guests and speakers were introduced.

The first order of business was the selection of Board Officers.

President: Tim McHugh.

Treasurer: Bill Tracy.

Secretary: Lance Musselman.

Committee Appointments:

Membership: Ana Quintana, Chair; Mikki Wilder.

Crime and Safety: Joanne Asher, Chair; Lee Berkey.

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair; Ryan Schulz, Tim McHugh and Joanne Asher.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair.

Communications: Monica Brisnehan, Chair; Lance Musselman, Ryan Schulz and Butch Clark.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair; Lee Berkey, Joanne Asher, Susan Payne and Cameron Kruger.

INC Representatives: Tim McHugh and Susan Payne.

Paul Kashmann, City Councilman.

Paul reviewed the projects that have been selected for the upcoming bond election in September. 545 projects have been selected, much of them infrastructure and maintenance, as well as new neighborhood projects. The increase in property valuation since the last bond issues has increased the amount of funding that the City can borrow without raising taxes to somewhere between eight and nine hundred million dollars.

Regulations to determine where and when the public can use marijuana are being discussed. It is clear that consumption in bars will not be allowed.

Other issues on the table include Accessory Dwelling Units, or granny flats, which are popular in other cities in the metro area; as much as 18% of the city has zoning that may allow them.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tracy presented the report on revenues and expenses for the past month. The current bank balance is \$10,246.37. The report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter:

Mikki asked the Board to submit short (one paragraph) bios to her by the end of June. These will be published in the newsletter to introduce the Board to the neighborhood.

Website:

Monica discussed the recent addition of a streamlined event entry process for the calendar for use by Board members. These can also be used for announcements. More work needs to be done on integration of events and calendar.

The sign up process for the yard sale is nearly complete. The sign up asks if they are a member, and sends those who are not to the membership page. Only paid members will be displayed on the map, which will be available for downloading from the website shortly before the yard sale.

Crime and Safety:

Joanne Asher announced the annual Safety Expo at South High on July 29th from 11 till 2, which will include a Bicycle Safety Village for children, and food trucks for all. The CAB meeting for July will be delayed because of the Fourth celebration.

Car theft is increasing in WPE and most are not locked. DPD recommends against using hide-a-key devices on the car.

Zoning:

There were no zoning variances last month. Discussion centered around getting the variance notices to everyone on the committee.

Park/FANS:

Tim McHugh reported that changes to the loop road will include a permanent bicycle maintenance station.

FANS is looking for more Adopt-A-Tree sponsors, which involves checking the tree regularly to assure it is healthy and watered.

Membership:

Ana Quintana discussed her plans to present new neighbors with welcome bags. She showed the Board samples of both paper and large shopping bags as examples of what can be used in the new member campaign. Initially, the campaign will use the smaller paper bags, which will have local coupons, merchandise and information inside. The larger bags may be used in the future.

Ana has already begun sending handwritten welcome notes to new residents. Mikki showed the Board examples of bicycle bells and thermoses that Corey Merrill has distributed to many of its members, and offered information on cost.

A new field has been added to our registration page asking members how they heard about WPENA

INC:

Tim McHugh and Susan Payne will continue as WPENA's representatives to the Inter Neighborhood Cooperation, an umbrella organization for neighborhood groups.

Traffic:

In addition to becoming the chair of this committee, Bill Tracy has signed up to join INC's Traffic Committee. Discussion about problem intersections in WPE included Ohio and York, which is still being decided by the City. The problems with Marion and Virginia have yet to be resolved; a study two years ago made little change.

Old Business:

Happy Hour: Jiminy Wicket June 16th at 5:30, or 5:15 for those helping with set up. West Wash Park and Bonnie Brae have been invited.

July 4th event at the Park is on track. Tim will be there before seven to start setting up. Assistance from Board members needed and appreciated. The event will end at 1 p.m., and the Endsley bench dedication will be later.

WPENA Survey: The survey has 114 responses so far, and it was decided to make one more announcement on Next Door and close the survey at the end of the month. Results will then be ready for viewing. Early results show a large number of residents have suggestions for WPENA events and directions, but few volunteers to help carry them out.

MJ Citizens Academy: Tim attended. It provided information about the new approval process for the new I-300 smoking privileges, which are approved by neighborhood and business associations. A mock hearing for education purposes is being considered for the next INC Zoning and Planning committee meeting. INC supports the proposed regulations developed by the Social Consumption Advisory Committee (formed by the Director of Excise and Licenses), and has a group ready to address city council.

Other: St. Johns asked for renewal of the annual room agreement, which will increase in cost from \$24 to \$30 per meeting, to accommodate the extra time it takes us to set up and take down the furniture for our meetings. The new agreement is for one year.

New Business:

Future Speakers:

July: Parry Burnap, Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Actions

August: no meeting

Sept: Beth McCann

Others: Julie Bock, Denver Tennis Park

Merce Lea, Cop Shop

District 3 – DPD Sgt. Hinkle (illegal MJ grows).

Fundraising: Tim reported that a suggestion had been made for a poster art contest that WPENA could sponsor.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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