

# AGENDA

Walnut Hills Civic Association

13 November 2008

- I. Call to order: 7:03 pm
- II. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)
  - Rapp (1)
  - Suhaka (2)
  - Hillman (AL-3)
  - Haskett, Frank (4)
  - Greyson (5)
  - Jose (6)
  - Pankau (AL-7)
  - Holter (8)
  - Gania (AL-10)
  - Brew (11)
  - Elam (12)
  - Tippetts (13)
  - Marsicek (14)
  - Senn (15)
  - GID: Maggie Haskett
  - Guests: Dick & Phyllis Moehle, briefly
  - Guest: Diane Graham, briefly
- III. Distribution of the donation to the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund, Diane Graham to receive the check for the Scholarship Fund
  - Pictures were taken for the website and *Walnut Hills Newsletter* of Diane Graham of the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund receiving the donations from the WHCA and the *WHN*.
- IV. GID Report. Maggie Haskett
  - General discussion:
    - Tippetts: what is the cost of a water tap, look at what the water system is, Arapahoe & Yosemite, and what it would cost to get it up and running?
    - Pankau, Marsicek: discussion on using water from a resident that backs onto Yosemite? No, could create problems should the resident move.
    - Constitute a committee to create a "5 year plan" for the GID: Hillman (chair), Pankau, Jose, Tippetts, Maggie Haskett to bring recommendation to the WHCA for Jan.
    - Elam/Tippetts made a motion to spend up to \$600 for holiday decorations on our 6 WH entries; approved unanimously. Maggie and Frank (with help from Jerry) will take care of these decorations.
  - A. Approval of bills
    - Suhaka: bills were received from Grounds Services for Sept., Oct., and Nov. A letter was sent to Grounds Services on Oct. 16 ending their contract on 31 Oct.; the Sept. bill has already been paid by the City; only the Oct. bill was approved.
    - Elam/Rapp, motion to approve bills of: Grounds Services for Oct., \$ 675.15 and Maggie Haskett, \$ 700, unanimous

- Maggie Haskett: doing a lot of work cutting back and removing trees and vegetation. She's received 3 bids for landscaping the perimeter for the next year and will ask each company for more specifics on what we would be getting for our money before presenting a preferred option to the board. She suggested getting a "performance clause" in writing to have more control over the work performed.
- Gary Jaeger's contract expired 30 Sept. We will extend month to month until Dec. when a year contract could be given.

B. Discussion of mill levy, Suhaka

- The WHGID mill levy is 2.945 mills. By law this amount can float up or down without a vote to make sure it brings in the same amount of money as the previous year. Suhaka asked the board if it would be OK to request that City Council freeze this current mill levy for next year, not allow it to go up because home values have gone down. Elam/Greyson made a motion to let the mill levy do what it will for next year, passed with one vote in opposition (Suhaka)

V. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 9 Oct., Rapp

- Tippets corrected the minutes to add that his wife Susan was present. Gania/Brew made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed and corrected; passed unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's report, Holter was not present. She provided a printed report with some further information given to Suhaka.

- Suhaka presented the Dumpster Day bill for Pro Disposal, received earlier from Senn, for \$850. Elam/Greyson made a motion to approve the Pro Disposal bill of \$850; passed unanimously.
- A Metrum account has been opened. The First National account will be closed as soon as checks clear.

B. Zoning, ordinance compliance activities, Frank Haskett was not present. He provided a printed report. Haskett's diligence in this work was commended.

C. Membership report, Holter was not present. The membership number of 516 was on her printed treasurer's report.

D. Web site report, Greyson. None at this time, although the "turkey display" was praised.

E. Report from the Chair, Suhaka. None at this time.

VII. Old Business

A. Dumpster Day, 18 Oct. report. Senn was not present. Suhaka reported that over 50 people took part in Dumpster Day with 11 new members recruited, \$35 raised for the WH Scholarship Fund and some donations to the WHCA.

B. Garage Sale report, Hillman. None at this time.

C. Increasing Membership, Pankau presented some ideas to be discussed at another meeting:

- chili cook off;
- salsa contest;
- bake sale or baked goods contest;
- Halloween activity for WH youth
- teen dance
- Suhaka will find out what it would cost to hold any of these activities inside a Walnut Hills school
- members discussed starting up the welcome visitor again; Senn had done this previously

- It was suggested that each neighborhood rep. welcome their new neighbors. Some on the board were not comfortable doing that.
- Gania suggested a new membership outreach committee: Gania (chair), Pankau, ??? Senn to report in Jan.

#### VIII. New Business

- Approval of new membership form, Suhaka. With general consensus, the line “Your contribution makes a difference” will be deleted.
- Suhaka has not been able to confirm with a Boy Scout troop that there will be snow shovelling available this winter. In the WHN it will say to check the website for updates.
- Board reviewed the schedule of upcoming WHCA-sponsored activities that will be published in the WHN & on the web, it was approved as listed below under action items. Suhaka will add: This may not be the final list, as the Board continues to discuss possibilities. Keep your eye on the *Walnut Hills Newsletter* for the most current information.
- Holiday Lighting Contest (\$100, \$75, \$50) will be judged by: Rapp, Marsicek, Suhaka
- December meeting, yes, 11 December
- Other new business: none

#### IX. Adjourn: 9:15 pm

##### **Action items for December**

- Suhaka will find out cost of using an elementary school for a WHCA-sponsored activity
- Annual Membership meeting, 18 March, Castlewood Library, 7 pm (You may pay your 2009 dues at that time.)
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 4 (rain date, April 11)
- Spring Dumpster Days, 16 & 23 May, 8 – 11 am (We got several requests to avoid Mother’s Day this past year, so we thought we’d try to do that. It does put us up against Memorial Day weekend, though.)
- Walnut Hills Garage Sale, 13 June
- Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Ice Cream Social (announcement of Walnut Hills Scholarship winners)
- Best Landscaping contest, will be judged during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, must be a member to win, Marsicek in charge of it.
- Fall Dumpster Days, October, TBD
- Holiday Lighting contest, judging sometime during the week of 15 December