

**Walnut Hills Civic Association**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
 June 14, 2018, 7:00 PM, Metrum Credit Union

**Minutes**

1. Call to order: 7 PM, Julie Gamec
2. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

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

Guests: Stephanie Piko (City of Centennial Mayor), Athena Lutton-Keithler (Walnut Hills School PTCO), Scott Bess and Laura Klee (residents and Scholarship Fund board members), Andrea Suhaka (resident and GID representative), Jana Lutton (resident)

3. Walnut Hills School PTCO representative Athena Lutton-Keithler: Offered to donate ice cream for 4<sup>th</sup> of July ice-cream social. WHCA thanked PTCO for their generosity and clarified that gift will not be tax-deductible. Quantities and flavors of ice-cream were discussed (including a dairy-free option). PTCO was invited to bring a banner or other identifying materials to promote their presence at 4<sup>th</sup> of July ice-cream social event.
4. City of Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko: Mayor Piko thanked Walnut Hills Civic Association for participation and contributions to the city, inviting all residents to “Meet the Mayor” meetings on Tuesdays at 10 am. She asked if anyone present had questions or concerns:
  - Mike – expressed thanks to the city planning department noting his positive experience where they proved to be very helpful offering thoughtful responses to questions and issues.
  - Julie, Randy – thanked Andrea for inviting the Mayor to attend, and informed the Mayor about recent correspondence with city regarding WHCA participation in GID concerns, where city has determined that the GID is not required to receive WHCA approval for use of GID funds. This is very different from the way GID/WHCA have worked in the past. Also asked whether the sound wall on Arapahoe (built by C-DOT) will fall under GID budget for any potential future maintenance or repairs. Mayor Piko explained that GID’s in Arapahoe County were not well set up originally and that the City of Centennial is in the process of resolving issues, adding that the sound wall issue has not been decided yet. Julie requested that WHCA participate in IGA discussions with C-DOT regarding sound wall.
5. Scholarship Fund, Scott Bess and Laura Klee: The S.F. is now in good standing with the State of Colorado, and has filed paperwork with IRS requesting reinstatement of 501(c) 3 status. They have received confirmation that filing was received and are awaiting determination. A separate PayPal account linked to WHCA website has been set up for

online scholarship donations. It was noted that so far this year's donations are under the amount of \$10,000 in awards that S.F. had committed to, and reserve funds will be used to cover shortfall.

6. Correction and Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to unanimously approve May meeting Minutes: Senn, Garcia.
  
7. GID, Gamec
  - A. Approval of Bills: a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve May GID bills totaling \$4338.75: Garcia, Danfelser
    - Julie Gamec - \$1332.50 (\$500 monthly project manager, \$720 annual storage rental, \$112.50 labor moving mulch at Yosemite and Davies);
    - Matt - \$406.25 for 8 hours labor weed spraying, and moving mulch;
    - High Altitude Landscaping - \$2600
  - B. Projects: Mulching on Yosemite and Davies is complete, please check it out as mulch was free, can get more when needed if everyone likes it. Narrow strip between sidewalk and street at Yosemite between trail end and Davies washes out, suggest hardscaping. Backflow tested and passed for landscape irrigation on Arapahoe Rd. Gary Jaeger continues to replace perimeter fence posts on Dry Creek, Quebec. WH sign at Uinta needs to be elevated for better visibility (by 14" max, as city total max height is 4 ft.); awaiting new quote by Da Vinci Signs.
  
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. Treasurer's Report, Lutton: Copies of financial reports as of 5/31/18 were distributed. Some members still sending SF donations on same check as annual dues.
  - B. Website, Lutton: Website is up to date. Changed "Pay dues" section to request that members specify "address you are paying dues for", as some payments can't be linked by name to a WH address.
  - C. Membership Report, Lutton: 353 paid members. We are more than 100 under the usual number this time of year. Myra: opinion that hand delivering membership drive forms this year may have hurt effort rather than helping. Group discussed encountering some general apathy towards community involvement, and need for thinking of ways to counter this.
  - D. Report from the Chair, Gamec
    - 2017 Tax filing: Consulted with recommended accounting firm BKD, and confirmed need to file tax return even if we have not received determination of 501(c)4 reinstatement from IRS. BKD quoted \$1500 fee for filing said return. Motion was made, seconded, and approved for hiring BKD and paying up to \$1500 for 2017 tax filing. (Senn, Carrera/ Katich opposed). Julie will request detailed information regarding what the fee covers and financial information needed from Treasurer.
    - Sign duty assignment: Mike Katich accepted appointment
    - Phone tree: List of board members' contact information was distributed and corrections were made to Mike's phone number and neighborhood represented.
    - Request reimbursement of \$30.33 spent in parts needed for signage and coffee/donuts for Dumpster Days volunteers. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to reimburse Julie for these expenses. (Lutton, Brooks)

9. 501 (c) 4 update: No news
10. Old Business: Dumpster Days – some members who said they had paid dues online not showing paid on Randy’s report. Donna needs names, will look into it.
11. Upcoming Events:
  - A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Have supplies (spoons, cups) left over from previous years. PTCO donating ice cream and asked which flavors: vanilla, chocolate, mint chocolate chip, and a sorbet for dairy free option. Ice-cream will be served around 10:30 am. Andrea Suhaka will supply map for parade. No “parade contest” this year.
  - B. WH night out, Garcia: Reserved band Encore for \$500. Looking for more local business owner booths. Need help for grilling and serving burgers and hot dogs! Julie will confirm that South Suburban will supply power at amphitheater as they have done in past.
  - C. Fall Dumpster Days and Halloween Party: Discussion postponed until next meeting.
12. Neighborhood concerns/questions:
  - Julie: Received email from Shar Henry with concerns regarding posts seen on Next Door about aggressive soliciting. Julie relayed concerns to GID authority asking to post a “No Soliciting” notice on our neighborhood signs. City declined to get involved nor pay for it. Will look into whether having a petition signed by WH residents would make a difference. Other neighborhoods that have such notices are HOA controlled and notice is from the HOA.
  - Randy: People are jumping over/climbing door in shopping center wall, entering neighborhood. WHCA had been assured that this door would be secure and not scalable. Julie will contact Marvin Boyd, agent for property owner to request a solution. A separate issue that has been noticed is that Southgate portholes on wall at Yosemite are not locked.
  - Barb: Yellow flags marking Xcel gas lines were placed weeks ago in front lawns at southwest side of neighborhood, not sure if by Ting or other entity. No signs of any work being done and flags are falling out and a nuisance at this point. Julie will contact Ting to ask if they placed them.
13. Amendments to By-laws: Reviewed and corrected modifications made at May meeting as summarized in red-lined copy. Discussed modifications to Article IV, sections 7-8, addition of section 9 dealing with Succession, and Article V including duties of Officers.
13. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.