

**Walnut Hills Civic Association
BOARD MEETING**

June 8th, 2023, 7:00 PM, Hybrid (In Person/Zoom)

Minutes

1. Call to order: 7:03 pm
2. Attendance (Five members constitute a quorum.)

<u>EX</u> Lutton, Randy (1)	<u>Y</u> Gamec, Julie (6)	<u> </u> Vacant (11)
<u>EX</u> Mark Bassett (2)	<u>Y</u> Draheim, Tyler (7)	<u>Y</u> Fischer, Carol (12)
<u>Y</u> Katich, Mike (3)	<u>Y</u> Brooks, Barb (8)	<u>EX</u> Henry, Shar (13)
<u>EX</u> Garcia, Myra (4)	<u>Y</u> Nixon, Jeff (9)	<u> </u> Vacant (14)
<u>Y</u> Senn, Donna (5)	<u>EX</u> Salvoch, Jenny (10)	<u>EX</u> Frasher, Whitney (15)

Guests:

3. Correction and Approval of Minutes of 5/11/23: Tyler sent a few updates to Mark. Confirmed that GID costs listed were correct because they were higher than normal (High Altitude had 1.5 months on May bill). Question on Dumpster Days: YES, a second dump is a charge (one free dump in spring, one free dump in fall, all other dumps are charged). Minutes approved (Mike/Carol).
4. GID:
 - Approval of bills:
 - Julie \$702.50 (\$600 contract, \$24.50 mailing, \$78.00 storage)
 - High Altitude \$4,625
 - Matt Zahner \$280.00
 - TOTAL \$5,607.50
 - Projects/Other:
 - New Fence: 25 residents notified of project and tentative schedule via USPS. Survey underway - will include survey of area plus 25 easement exhibits. Cost is +/- \$17,000.
 - Storage Unit cost goes up from \$65 to \$70 next month plus insurance
 - Resident along new fence area asked if GID or WHCA can help fund a retaining wall replacement between houses. They think the wall was put in as part of the neighborhood development and it is starting to fail. GID won't provide funds as it is not on the perimeter or within GID scope, WCHA can't fund as an organization that collects voluntary dues to provide neighborhood events.
 - Irrigation at Unita/Arapahoe corner. With no power available after light pole upgrade, battery powered controllers will be installed on the valves. Water is still not turned on because of the rain. Greg at Saddle Rock is working on the changes.
5. Bills/Reimbursements
 - Donna has bill from HBS for Dumpster Days for \$2,428.00 (she mistakenly told Randy \$2,480).
6. Committee Reports:
 - Treasurer's Report, Lutton: report provided via email

- Savings \$38,033.31
- Checking \$3,434.01
- Paypal \$142.30
- TOTAL \$41,609.62
- \$650 pass thru paid to the Scholarship
- \$2,428 due to Donna for Dumpster Days
- Website, Lutton/Bassett:
 - Waiting on photos from people
 - Bassett, Katich, Nixon, Salvoch, Henry, Frasher: Please send along a photo when you can.
 - Update Titles: Draheim will send email with corrections
- Social Media Update, Garcia/Draheim:
 - Folks are still joining. Tyler is verifying (for safety) with addresses. Group is private
 - +/-250 people
 - Analytics show things are getting looked at.
 - *Walnut Hills Colorado* is the facebook group.
- Membership Report, Lutton:
 - 420 payments for 414 homes. 127 payments were via PayPal
- Welcome Wagon, Fischer:
 - Sent out 5 letters earlier in the week. Tyler provided new list with one address
 - 3 active homes pending, most still selling in under 30 days
- Compliance Calendar, Brooks
 - June: Garage Sale (See Old Business)
 - July: SOS Charitable reporting - actually due in August
- Report from the Chair, Draheim:
 - Fox Ridge Pool: Looking for members. Rates are \$65 per month for 12 months for families and \$35 per month for 12 months per couple. Must pay for the whole year.
 - New Event: Pool party at Fox Ridge Pool in 2024?? Discuss prior to developing the 2024 events calendar.
 - Dry Creek Elementary attendance numbers are down. District discussing consolidating Dry Creek, Homestead and Heritage in next few years. Dry Creek building would be repurposed into a Pre-K facility. Homestead would be rebuilt to become an elementary school hub.

7. Old business:

- Reduced meeting frequency
 - i. Need to meet in July for NNO discussion
 - ii. As possible -Will continue to discuss canceling meeting the meeting before
- Dumpster day (May 27)
 - i. Had 2 trucks that did not fill up. Event finished at 11. Event was very smooth with 67 dumps and several second dumps. Workers (x3) received \$40 each for a tip. Dumped A LOT of mattresses. Brooke did well with mowers, appliances, etc.
 - ii. Teamwork was great
 - iii. Reminder that cost for event is +/- \$3,600 per year.

- iv. \$2,428 will be paid to HBS on Saturday 6/10. Randy will provide check and tip money to Donna.
- v. Discuss raising the cost to dump next year. Maybe just extra dumps goes from \$15 to \$20. A trip to the dump (to show up) is \$75 now.
- o Garage sale
 - i. Friday seemed pretty good. Saturday was a bust with the wet, rainy weather. Tyler talked to 15 households and asked if the address could be put on Facebook page.
 - ii. Folks liked the idea of moving one of the Dumpster Days to after the Garage Sale weekend.
 - iii. Should we provide a rain date??
 - iv. Many folks had experienced water issues in their basements with all the rain.

8. New Business

- Sponsorship Opportunities
 - o Tyler has offered sponsorship opportunities to Jay Buerger and Kathy at Big Heart Realty if they are interested
 - o Sponsorship is \$300
 - o Won't double stack professions at any event.
- Event Signs
 - o Jeff will order one example sign to see if it is what we are looking for (\$65-\$70)
 - o Jeff will have an updated design out to the group following some comments and feedback.
 - o Intends to use waterproof velcro and exchangeable days and dates so there are only 5 signs.
 - o Look for an easier fastening method to signs. Permanent eye hook? Mike can make the improvements.
 - o Jeff will create a Google Doc so the group can develop and agree to what is "consistent" (i.e. Dumpster Days will always be on a *Saturday*)
 - o Get 5 signs - intend to put one at Dry Creek and Quebec. Not sure what the rules are, at one time we had been told no. Willing to try that location again.
 - o Mike and Jeff working together on the sign size and fastening method.
- Food Trucks
 - o Food trucks will be in the Dry Creek Elementary School parking lot for the duration of the water line construction.
- Volunteers/Instructions for Dumpster Day (June 10th)
 - o Donna, Jenny and Mike will be there. Mark is also available to help.
- Volunteers/Instructions for 4th of July Event
 - o Still need someone to lead the parade.
 - o Jana has provided run down of event, including serving numbers, to Tyler (200 otter pops, 350-400 servings of ice cream)
 - o Randy has PA system. It should be set up by about 9:30
 - o Need to coordinate with the Scholarship - the PA system is for them. Were there scholarship winners this year???
 - o Donna will contact PTCO to see if they will reimburse again this year.

- o Julie will reach out to Ed - we need freezer space!!!
- o Jeff will have more info next week about the new boy scout/girl scout troop at Dry Creek Elementary. They may be interested in leading the parade???
- o Diane Sheriff (neighborhood realtor) is sponsoring the event for \$300. She will have a table. Her lender will also be in attendance.
- o Mike will put up signs about a week early.
- o Mike has several large coolers that we can use.
- o Julie will get extra cooler, decorations, aprons, water cooler, etc. out of storage.
- National Night Out Updates
 - o Updated budget last month to account for rising costs. Board approved an ADDITIONAL \$500 to help as needed now that Myra is seeing the costs (Julie/Mike)
 - o Considering Sobroso to cater (taco place in the old Tokyo Joe's space at Dry Creek/Yosemite)
 - o Jeff is co-hosting with Myra
 - o Tyler will be sponsoring for \$300

9. Upcoming Events:

- Dumpster day (June 10)
 - o Donna, Jenny and Mike will be there. Mark is also available to help.
- 4th of July
- National Night Out

10. Neighborhood concerns/questions:

- No right hand turn off of north bound Quebec into neighborhood - really a bad thing, local traffic should be allowed at any time.
- Waterline construction is a hassle. Unita was closed today.
 - o Was the fire department contacted about the placement of hydrants? Seems like this is the time/opportunity.

11. Adjourn: 8:11 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for July 13th, 2023 @ 7pm