
Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

Minutes

Minutes: May 18, 2017 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

Attendance:

Kathy Atkinson	Gary Dangel	Mike Mattox	Joe Sandmann
Rick Beck	Katy Dietz	Baba Charles Miller	Aimee Shinkle
Ebony Butts	Anteia Greer	Sara Leah Miller	Mark Stenger
Matthew Cuff	Kyle Hook	Fred Orth	Greg Warner
Adam Curry	Tim MacConnell	Michael Rountree	Kevin Wright

Opening:

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

Treasurer's Report presented as a handout. Kathy reminded all about CNBDU approved funds that must be encumbered by the end of June. The City's budget next year may afford less for these operating funds, we will know the status by the start of June. Report was approved, Katy Dietz 1st, Joe Sandmann 2nd.

Minutes from meeting on April 20th were approved, Aimee Shinkle 1st, Greg Warner 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Safety – overview by Matt Cuff

Officer Roper-Issa was unable to attend, but Matt said that crime stats can be emailed out. The WHAC Safety Committee meeting is on the 4th Thursday each month at noon, held at the Bush Rec. Center.

Membership/Activities – Aimee Shinkle

The fill-in membership application form has been updated for the new website. Aimee requested that the general contact email address used on our website be set up to deliver or forward to her address as well as to Matt Cuff's. Matt noted that we now have a Post Office Box at the 45206 Post Office (P.O. Box 6312).

Communication/Promotions – Joe Sandmann

Music Off McMillan will be starting in June; Joe said they have spoken with Fireside, Brew House, and Greenwich Tavern. Events will be planned for the first Saturday of each month, June through September. They will have promotional flyers or posters soon.

Joe also mentioned an upcoming Scavenger Hunt, 2 PM on Saturday the 20th, beginning at the Brew House.

WHRF – Kevin Wright

The proposed rezoning for development on vacant land adjacent to the Firehouse will be going before City Council on or about May 30th. WHRF is also lobbying the City to allow on-street parking throughout the work day. A closing for Paramount Square is anticipated in late summer. The renovated building facing Green Man Park will have tenants moving in on June 1st; the same developer will be doing the purple building.

Other Matters:

Kyle gave an update regarding their proposed cidery on Curtis Street, which will require a Variance and Change-of-Use; motion to issue a letter of support for the requisite Variance was approved, Joe Sandmann 1st, Kathy Atkinson 2nd.

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Sara Leah spoke about the new Little League which only has enough participants to form 2 teams currently. The WHAC is giving money to put up a sign at Ashland Park, and they have organized a cleanup to clear out trash and broken glass. First practice will begin on June 13th. A team sponsorship is \$275, and the sponsor gets to pick the team name and colors, though Matt said that he is claiming all-black. Mark Stenger said he may be interested in being a sponsor.

Fred spoke about the upcoming dedication for Green Man Park, to be held June 18th from 2-4 PM. An ensemble from CSO will be present, and there will be free food. There will not be any street closure, but cops will be there. Aimee agreed to organize a booth/table for WHBG.

Green Man Twist will be holding its grand opening the weekend of May 20th and Katy gave out flyers. She also noted that there was a visitor who came down from West Chester to patronize Just Q-In, then found out about Green Man Twist while here.

Matt said that there will be a coffee shop with live jazz coming in the fall, next to Just Q-In.

Kathy noted that the new curriculum at Douglass School, featuring emphasis on music and arts, will begin soon. Matt said that we should plan to do something before the start of the next school year (September).

The Findlay Market Farmstand will be opening up on Thursday afternoons (4-7 PM) in the former Kroger parking lot, beginning on June 1st. Tri-Health will also have a booth from 1-3 PM.

Mark Stenger of Campus Management brought up their property on 2530 Reading Road, which they are under contract to get cleaned up. There has been some kind of error with MSD, so they are not seeking any form of endorsement at the moment. Matt said that this should probably be brought before WHAC rather than WHBG.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:40 AM.