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## Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

### Minutes

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Minutes: June 15, 2017 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

#### Attendance:

Kathy Atkinson	Laura Davis	Baba Charles Miller	Michael Rountree
Mitchell Boeing	Charles Dillard	Sara Leah Miller	Joe Sandmann
Matthew Cuff	David Estep	Thea Munchel	Pam Schreiner
Gary Dangel	Mark Leeman	Fred Orth	Greg Warner

#### Opening:

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM.

Minutes from meeting on May 18th were approved, Joe Sandmann 1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Atkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report presented as a handout, showing no significant recent activity. Kathy reminded all about CNBDU approved funds to be encumbered by the end of June, with about \$1300 unspent. Gary suggested that new window decals for members could be printed as he has a ready design. Report was approved, Joe Sandmann 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg Warner 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Committee Reports:

*Safety* – no report

*Membership/Activities* – no report

*Communication/Promotions* – Joe Sandmann

Multiple upcoming events were discussed, not within the context of a committee report. See Other Matters, below. Joe presented a “Place Matters” survey that WHRF will be conducting through the end of June; this survey is also accessible through their Facebook page.

*WHRF* – Joe Sandmann

CNBDU recently voted on major and minor project proposals, and our submission for the design of streetscaping was awarded. The major project submission for implementation of streetscape improvements on McMillan just east of Gilbert was not awarded, but did get the next most favorable votes and thus would be first in line to gain funding if CNBDU were able to free up additional resources. Laura noted that when trees are planted they need to be healthy enough to survive.

Stabilization of the Comfort Station is about to begin, as WHRF is in final interviews with contractors. Thea said that the zoning change has been approved for the lots on Firehouse Row, and the final proposed design will be brought before this body later. Work at Paramount Square is about to begin.

Mortar's Brick House has opened in the Trevarren building, and Model Group has secured a signed lease for a shoe store in an adjacent space. The cafe is targeting an opening in the fall. Thea said that they are waiting for an award announcement regarding Scholar House, and that the Alms building is currently in receivership with the City looking to find a buyer for the portfolio of properties.

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#### Other Matters:

Green Man Park will be having its dedication on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM, with a quarter from CSO playing music. On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, Habitat For Humanity has their “Rock The Block” cleanup event, from 9 AM to 2 PM, followed by gathering in Five Points Alley.

Music Off McMillan was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which meant it competed with Bunbury; the next one will be on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to the poor acoustics, discussion was held regarding an alternative meeting location. Several options were suggested, but members voted in favor of HGC. **New meeting location for July will be in the second floor conference room at HGC Construction, located at 2831 Stanton, on the I-71 side of the road.**

Gary mentioned that a candidate for a high profile grant, called Art Place America, will be doing a walk through the neighborhood on July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3 – 5 PM.

Food access following Kroger's closure was discussed, including the Healthy Harvest mobile market which sets up in the former Kroger parking lot. We need to look for ways to active the space, such as coupons.

Fred said that two-way traffic on McMillan should be extended as far as Highland soon. Kathy said that the old I-71 ramp will reopen for traffic from both directions in August.

Gary mentioned that sponsors are still being sought for “Run For The Hills” coming up on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>; UC Health is a primary sponsor.

Baba Charles announced a BYOB Game Night on Friday, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Matt announced a patio party hosted by Just Q-in to celebrate being in business for 1 year. Party will be on Friday night from 6 – 9 PM.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:40 AM.