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## Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

### Minutes

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Minutes: September 21, 2017 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

#### Attendance:

Kathy Atkinson	David Estep	Christina Hartlieb	Pam Schreiner
Rick Beck	Jasmine Ford	Tim MacConnell	Rodney Thompson
Matthew Cuff	Kathyne Gardette	Michael Rountree	Greg Warner
Gary Dangel	Anteia Greer	Joe Sandmann	

#### Opening:

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM, with introductions.

Minutes from meeting on August 17th were approved, Tim MacConnell 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg Warner 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report presented as a handout. Kathy asked Gary to provide explanation of what is covered in the recent invoice from Photonics (regarding the web site); he believes it to include \$6/month hosting that is billed annually, plus a \$375 annual fee for miscellaneous security updates. Kathy said that we need to have a conversation with Photonics in order to get clarity.

Kathy noted that NSP/NBD funds can be used to pay for staff who perform specific tasks, as Gary was paid \$500 last year as an event coordinator for WHAC. Our final report for NBD funds to be reimbursed has not yet been submitted, but this must be done soon. Report was approved, Joe Sandmann 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim MacConnell 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Committee Reports:

##### *Safety* – Matt Cuff

Crime statistics were handed out. Officer Roper-Issa was unable to attend, but Matt gave an overview of statistics. Theft from Autos remains high; people have been seen checking door handles on security cameras. If we have any issues to report, we can have Matt relay those issues, or just call the non-emergency number 513-765-1212.

##### *Membership/Activities* – Matt Cuff

The Street Food Festival took place recently, there were 16 trucks as well as Mortar, and the music was great. Run For The Hills 5k will be Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, there is a \$25 registration, and there will be an after-party at 5-Points Alley.

Elections for our three officers (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) will happen in November, and the slate of candidates will need to be established next month. Kathy voiced concern that we are not being represented as we should on the WHAC Board, noting that we have 2 Board positions, one of which is to be appointed by our Chair. Pam said that she would be willing to serve in that appointed role. Nominations form will be sent to all members in advance of the next meeting; these forms will include a way to indicate willingness to serve in any of the other non-elected committees. Completed nomination forms should be sent to either Aimee Shinkle or Matt Cuff.

##### *Communication/Promotions* – Matt Cuff

Matt commented that we need to do more with our web site and with social media.

##### *WHRF* – Joe Sandmann

Activity is beginning at Paramount Square, with demolition and cleanout. Gary mentioned a mural across from the Brew House. On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a volunteer cleanup effort at the Dillard parking lot, at Green Man Park, and elsewhere. The Arts Place grant request is under review, and is expected to be awarded in December if approved.

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#### Other Matters:

Jasmine said that Jazzy Sweeties will be opening soon (approx. two weeks) after a final health inspection, located at 1006 East McMillan.

Kathy asked about a changeable-copy sign that was recently purchased, but Joe said that the sign needs some rehab as its facing is an older style that is incompatible with modern letters.

Gary said that he has flyers available to promote ongoing food access in the former Kroger parking lot; there are vendors present on Mondays and Thursdays.

Anteia said that Dohn students are required to perform 20 hours of some form of community service, and asked whether there may be any such opportunities; Gary replied that there are some.

Kathryne announced that there will be a Joint Candidates Night on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 PM. This will be at the Bush Rec. Center following a brief WHAC meeting. Both mayoral candidates should be present.

Randy Thompson presented some of his graphic design work that takes company logos and designs them as mazes. He suggested that compiling local company logos in this fashion might help promote unity. Gary noted that our current logo does lend itself well to other uses.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:40 AM.