
Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

Minutes

Minutes: October 19, 2017 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

Attendance:

Tom Conlan Jr.	David Estep	Michael Rountree	Greg Warner
Lanore Cross	Cindy Fischer	Pam Schreiner	
Matthew Cuff	Tim MacConnell	Aimee Shinkle	
Gary Dangel	Fred Orth	Jerod Theobald	

Opening:

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

Minutes from meeting on September 21st were approved, Greg Warner 1st, Aimee Shinkle 2nd.

Treasurer's Report presented as a handout. Report was approved, Cindy Fischer 1st, Tim MacConnell 2nd. Matt noted the balance of \$4,893.89 is unchanged, with no outlays in the past month. Tim asked where dues show up, whether they should show as income; Aimee said that no dues have shown up recently as she is still figuring out how to time renewal cycle with fiscal year. Matt suggested that we could start fresh in November, and Aimee noted that she would need to get renewal notices sent out before the November meeting, to verify voting status prior to officer elections.

Committee Reports:

CNBDU – Cindy Fischer

The City has finally distributed forms for current-year operating funds proposals; at our next meeting we will need to discuss the categories of spending to allocate the available \$4,600.00. Matt suggested that as a volunteer organization with limitations, we might consider hiring services such as a director of social media & website.

Safety – Tom Conlan Jr. (WHAC Safety Committee)

Tom recently met with Ed Horgan and WHRF to discuss commitment of resources towards boosting security. They suggest monthly meetings together with the Port Authority, church groups, the WHAC, and others. Events could be organized to clean up weeds and trash from properties held by Port Authority, for example. They might also seek to contact actual property owners/landlords. There are two key responsive people at the Port Authority.

Membership/Activities – Aimee Shinkle, Matt Cuff

Matt noted that for the upcoming officer elections in November, nominations are needed; any current member is eligible to run. The slate of candidates will be sent out prior to the November meeting. Michael pointed out that service on our committees is by appointment rather than election, and one can use the nomination form to indicate a willingness to serve on one of our committees.

Communication/Promotions – Matt Cuff

There is an upcoming music festival on Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM, at Five Points Alley. Also, Mercy's big fundraiser "Taste of the Neighborhood" will be on Sunday afternoon, though it should not interfere with the Bengals Game (which starts at 4:30 PM).

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WHRF – Gary Dangel

Paramount Square activity has begun, with an official groundbreaking to be held soon. Also, demolition and stabilization work has begun at the Comfort Station. Soil samples and initial engineering work has begun for the vacant lots of Firehouse Row.

There will be a cleanup event at the vacant lot across from Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), so that this parcel can become a dog park. This cleanup will occur over this coming weekend, using students as volunteers. IHN has some kennels so that they can accommodate pets their homeless clientele.

Tim reported that Christ Emmanuel Church was recently fined for litter, and noted that such a fine can be avoided by signing an agreement with the City to participate in a litter abatement program.

Other Matters:

Pam introduced Lanore Cross from Dohn school; they are in a process of building several programs, and will host a community meet & greet on November 9th.

Jerod Theobald spoke about his new barber shop which will soon be opening, near Concord (the former Louis Meats building). They are working together with *WHRF* to open by the end of the year, and will employ four full-time barbers. This will be their second location, as they currently have a shop in Covington, KY. The building will receive a new storefront, and the barber shop will occupy the front half, with the back half of the building potentially becoming another tenant.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:30 AM.