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## Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

### Minutes

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Minutes: April 18, 2019 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

#### Attendance:

Ben Anthony	Daronce Daniels	Samir Kulkarni	Patrick Rohs
Alex Bandar	Chris Davis	Mark Leeman	Michael Rountree
Brieyanna Braxton	Laura Davis	Tim MacConnell	Robert Stradtman
Anthony Brown	David Estep	Kam Misleh	Greg Warner
Carla Butler	Cindy Fischer	Enisha Morgan	Soloman Wodruth
Matt Cuff	Kathryne Gardette	Fred Orth	
Gary Dangel	Christina Hartlieb	Samantha Reeves	

#### Opening:

Meeting called to order by Samir Kulkarni at 9:02 AM, with introductions.

Minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting were approved, Kathryne Gardette 1<sup>st</sup>, Robert Stradtman 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report not made, Treasurer not present. Samir said that a report will be sent out via email.

#### Committee Reports:

*Safe & Clean* – Samir Kulkarni

The youth initiative with the WHRF is getting underway. As some supplementary funding is needed, Samir said that he will begin making direct calls to area businesses to request private donations.

*Events* – Laura Davis

There have been two Meetups so far this year, and these will continue each month, to be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 6-8 PM. The next one will be at Fireside April 24<sup>th</sup> and at Mortar in May.

More volunteers and discussions are needed to plan for the 5K run in October. Approximately \$10k to \$15k of up-front funding is needed, with the hope that excess from registration fees will become income for WHBG.

There will be a back-to-school swap meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup>; there will be an invitation to be promulgated through Facebook. In order to participate, one must bring a trade item, as no direct purchasing will be allowed.

*Planning & Development* – Samir Kulkarni

Samir has been working on putting together a business/brand guide and said he will send out the draft to members. Patrick Rohs was introduced to present the Walnut Hills Business District Catalogue, which he is working on as an intern with WHRF. He began by consulting the County Auditor's map resources, but a neighborhood walk through has shown that some information is outdated. Patrick has created a Google Docs form that we can disseminate to collect better information; Samir said that the goal is to have collected at least 80% of this information by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Tim asked whether there is a designated region intended, and was answered that it should extend from I-71 to Park Avenue (The Brew House), but Kathryne said that it should extend out to Victory. Gary asked how this list, once established, will be maintained, and Samir responded that WHBG will be responsible to update it regularly. Samantha commented that it should become a resource that local businesses want to be included in.

*NBDIP* – No Report

*Communications & Membership* – No Report

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#### Other Matters:

Kathryne noted that Teacher Appreciation week is coming up the week of May 6, and requested a contribution from WHBG as we have done in the past. This money would be used to reward teachers with meals, vouchers, or other gifts, and would be handled through WHAC. Last year WHBG made a \$500 donation, but Treasurer was not present to verify our ability to match that amount. Motion to provide a contribution towards this request, but with exact dollar amount to be determined later by the Executive Committee, was approved, Michael Rountree 1<sup>st</sup>, David Estep 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ben Anthony of Ohio History Connection spoke about renovations that will soon be coming to the Harriet Beecher Stowe House. He said that he hopes to get to know local businesses better, and asked for feedback on what makes Walnut Hills special. Laura noted that it is a diverse, walkable, and tolerant neighborhood. Kathryne commented on its location with access to highways and to downtown, and also said that WH has a tenacity to hold onto its characteristic diversity. David mentioned the quality of architecture, and Samir said that there is an inter-connectedness, some amount of buy-in that businesses agree to when coming here. Kathryne cited Thompson-MacConnell Cadillac as an example of commitment to the community.

David asked a question about Hoity Toity, and Samir noted that there will be condominiums above. Fred said that they will be giving away donuts this coming weekend.

The Center for Closing The Health Care Gap may be forced to reschedule its planned cooking event from Saturday, due to weather. They are willing to take donations of cooking equipment. Gary said that this may be a good adaptive reuse of the Melrose YMCA's kitchen.

Kathryne announced that they practice mindfulness at Miller-Gardette, exercising 30 minutes of silence.

David said that Atlantic Sign will host an official opening party on May 11, from 3 – 10 PM.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:45 AM.