
Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

Minutes

Minutes: June 20, 2019 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

Attendance:

Kathy Atkinson	Cindy Fischer	Enoch Morgan	Greg Warner
Brieyanna Braxton	Kathryne Gardette	Katie Neltner	Solomon Wolderufael
Matt Cuff	Almaz Gmariam	Fred Orth	
Gary Dangel	Christina Hartlieb	Michael Rountree	
Laura Davis	Mose P. Brown-Hurd	Betty Waite	

Opening:

Meeting called to order by Kathy Atkinson at 9:10 AM.

Minutes from the May 16, 2019 meeting were approved, Laura Davis 1st, Fred Orth 2nd.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Atkinson included handout of current bank statement showing a total of \$6,957.45 available balance, which is inclusive of approximately \$1,400 of NBD funds which must be encumbered by the end of June, or the remainder will have to be returned to CNBDU. Laura said that Maya can resume her social media activities and generate an invoice by then. Kathy reviewed the amounts spent already, noting that WHAC has not yet invoiced for the BG portion of the fiber pole lease, which is expected to be approx. \$350. Treasurer's Report was approved, Laura Davis 1st, Kathryne Gardette 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Safe & Clean – no chair report

Betty stated that the WHRF has hired temporary help to maintain flowerpots, but that the WHRF does not intend to do an ask for a hire to do the entire neighborhood (beyond the specific flowerpots).

Communications & Membership – Kathy Atkinson, Fred Orth

Kathy announced that Fred has agreed to become the chair of membership as of this month. Kathy brought printed materials such as window decals and a banner which she had located, and turned these over to Fred. The decal sheets will need to be cut apart and then distributed to current members.

Events – Laura Davis

The June Meetup will be on the 26th at the Brew House, from 5 PM – 8 PM. Next month it will be at Just Q'in on July 24th, and in August it will be in Green Man Park. Betty suggested that the one for October could be at Concord Gardens, and members were reminded that the monthly WHRF newsletter includes such events in its schedule.

There will be a Back-To-School themed Swap Meet on August 4th in Green Man Park, from 8 AM to 2 PM. They will have a free-to-take table as well, so items can be donated. Laura said she will get photos posted on Facebook of the types of items that are most needed.

Planning & Development – Betty Waite (WHRF)

WHRF has applied for a \$20k grant for benches to be installed at 5-Points Alley, and the awards for NBDIP major and minor projects should be announced soon. The work with neighborhood inventory mapping is continuing. The sought-for tax credits were not obtained for the Lincoln/Gilbert block, but Pennrose has one more year to figure out financing.

Comfort Station ribbon cutting will be tomorrow, but they are not opening the lower portion yet. There will be a walk-through for the second Draw at the Durner Building next week. Betty said that anyone interested can join a tour of the Paramount Building at around noon today (June 20).

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A “Noir Market” will be starting July 20th in the former Kroger parking lot, with details to be posted via Facebook. There will be a community dinner tomorrow in this same lot, using produce harvested from the community gardens.

NBDIP – Kathy Atkinson

Kathy said that the City should have passed its budget by now, but we have not yet heard what impact there might be on CNBDU funding for the coming fiscal year (which begins July 1st).

Other Matters:

Kathy Atkinson passed out a list of current members, asking for review and to let her know if it is incomplete or incorrect. Kathryn noted that she represents Millergardette, which is spelled as one word.

Gary mentioned that there will be a neighborhood cleanup organized by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful on June 29th, beginning at Green Man Park.

Matt stated that JustQ'in has partnered with Cincinnati Music Accelerator to provide live music from upcoming local talent on their patio each Friday.

Kathy announced that she is retiring sometime before the end of this year and that the WHBG will need a new Treasurer before then. Michael said that, as an elected office, this may require a special election, unless Kathy can serve until November.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:35 AM.