
Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

Minutes

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

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

Attendance:

Emily Ahouse	Laura Davis	Mark Leeman	Rea Waldon
Brieyanna Braxton	David Estep	Tim MacConnell	Greg Warner
Matt Cuff	Christina Hartlieb	Fred Orth	Allen Woods
Gary Dangel	Roger Kerlin	Michael Rountree	
Daronce Daniels	Samir Kulkarni	Samantha Reeves	

Opening:

Meeting called to order by Michael Rountree at 9:08 AM.

Minutes from the June 20, 2019 meeting were approved with a correction to the Planning & Physical Development section, Tim MacConnell 1st, Laura Davis 2nd. Corrected Minutes will be posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report not made as Treasurer was not present, but Samir Kulkarni noted that the NBD funds that were to be expended before July 1st have been encumbered, and that we have made a deposit with an event planner to help organize a 5K Run/Walk next year.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Membership – Fred Orth

Fred said that he has the window decal sheets but has not gotten them cut so that they can be distributed; these will be ready at the next meeting, and Gary will bring them. Michael said that we need to get a list of current (paid-up) members from our Treasurer. Samir said that we need to begin engaging more with new area businesses.

Allen asked about the status of a hired social media manager, and Samir replied that this could be discussed later outside of the meeting.

Events – Laura Davis

The July Meetup will be on the 24th at Just Q'in from 6-8 PM and in August it will be in Green Man Park. The Back-To-School themed Swap Meet/Garage Sale will be on August 4th in Green Man Park, from 8 AM to 2 PM. Laura asked everyone to share about this event on social media, and noted that she has printed flyers at the Brew House. Samir asked how many tables will be available, and Laura said that it would be 5 to 10 tables at most.

The planning for next year's 5K Run/Walk should begin after the Swap Meet/Garage Sale.

Safe & Clean – Samir Kulkarni

Tim asked whether the police ever attend our meetings anymore, and Samir confirmed that they are supposed to, and said he will try to contact Officer Roper-Issa about it.

The flowerpots are being maintained through our partnership with the WHRF's youth program, but there is limited funding for this. It has been noted that vegetables are being harvested but sometimes improperly.

Planning & Development – Samir Kulkarni

Samir said that Patrick Rohs is learning how to use the City's "Tableau" system in order to compile our neighborhood inventory, and could use the help of anyone with relevant expertise.

CNBDU – no report

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Other Matters:

Emily mentioned the upcoming Street Food Festival on September 28th and said that they need to secure sponsorships by the end of this month. Booths will be free but must be registered in advance by signing up via their web site; they cannot be used for sales but can be used to distribute promotional material or to host an interactive activity.

The WHRF will host a Behind-The-Scenes tour of the Co-Made facility and other spaces along East McMillan, such as Esoteric Brewing. This tour will cost \$25 and will be on July 30th.

WHRF is conducting a “Social Capital Survey” which is linked on their web site, but will also be done later today (July 18th) in Green Man Park, with the offered incentive of free ice cream.

Brieyanna presented a handout for a “Do Right” event on July 19th from 5 to 8 PM at Frederick Douglass School, and said that there will be similar pop-up events on Fridays or Saturdays in August. These may include activities such as making one's own energy bars, and will be at the School or in the green space next door to the laundromat.

Christina announced an upcoming lecture at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House. “What Is Your Modern-Day Slavery Footprint” will be at 4 PM on August 4th, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:31 AM.