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## Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

### Minutes

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Minutes: August 19, 2021 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

#### Attendance:

Louis Arnold  
Ben Gammon

Kathryne Gardette  
Christina Hartlieb

Samir Kulkarni

Michael Rountree

#### Opening:

Meeting called to order by Samir Kulkarni at 9:17 AM. This meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom software.

Minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting were approved, Kathryne Gardette 1<sup>st</sup>, Christina Hartlieb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report - Tim MacConnell not present, no formal report. Ben Gammon with Queen City Invest said that he sent in their membership form a few days ago. Samir said that he has forms from Cindy Fischer to report the CNBDU funds that were spent through the end of June.

#### Committee Reports:

##### *Planning & Development* – Samir Kulkarni

Yard & Company will be giving a presentation; Kathryne said that they presented at the last WHAC meeting and should be presenting again at the next meeting (first Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM).

Kathryne commented that only one building on Gilbert has yet received any LIHTC funding, with other nearby buildings still up in the air regarding their design. The Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) mean the entire building must be low-income rental rates. Samir noted that we do have a commitment that other development around the former Kroger lot will include market-rate apartments, to balance this. Kathryne pointed out a recent article in the Business Courier that spoke about affordable housing leaving the city, and Samir brought up the interplay of rising wages generally.

##### *Communications & Membership* – No Formal Report

Samir said that Sahir is still connecting with potential new members, and we will be leveraging the upcoming 5K to get good exposure.

##### *Events* – Samir Kulkarni

The 5K race is coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup>, with registration ongoing through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Samir encouraged all to sign up.

There will hopefully be a neighborhood clean-up utilizing volunteers from UC before October 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### *Safety* – No Formal Report

Michael mentioned that we have not been getting any meaningful safety updates due to lack of participation by police. Kathryne said that Derek Johnson is our new local officer, and he did attend the WHAC meeting.

#### Other Matters:

Next month (September 16<sup>th</sup>) the meeting will be held in person at the Artworks conference space, with an option for connection by Zoom as well.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:28 AM.