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## Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

### Minutes

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Minutes: December 15, 2022 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

#### Attendance:

Jane Keller  
Samir Kulkarni

Tim MacConnell  
Michael Rountree

Greg Warner

#### Opening:

Meeting called to order by Samir Kulkarni at 9:08 AM. No business was conducted during the planned November meeting, other than to defer elections until the December meeting, due to low attendance in November.

Minutes from the September 15, 2022 full meeting were approved, Michael Rountree 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg Warner 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report – Tim said that there has been no recent changes to our funds. He has spoken with Jerod Theobald regarding getting out reminders for membership dues. Tim and Samir agreed to get together with Jerod so that all understand how to utilize the PayPal account that Jerod established on our behalf.

#### Elections:

Elections of officers occurred, with a unanimous adoption of the slate of returning candidates: Samir Kulkarni as Chair, Tim MacConnell as Treasurer, and Michael Rountree as Secretary.

#### Committee Reports:

##### *Traffic & Safety* – Jane Keller

Jane has been working with Devou and with Mark Jeffries of City Council to develop proposals for traffic calming, such as bump-outs, lighting, or no-turn signs. OKI has approved a grant that will impact Gilbert from Court Street to MLK, and they will be doing community engagement. They are trying to get a meeting set for January, which will likely be a Zoom meeting, to review the feedback taken in from recent surveys.

The recent survey had an orientation towards bike lanes but did ask other questions, and they may be considering additional parking as well. Tim asked about who would be responsible for maintenance of a bike lane, noting other areas where a bike lane has become overgrown. Samir said the bike lane might be hard surface.

Other topics for discussion will include additional crosswalks, and Samir commented on the removal of distractions. Jane said that she has been amazed by the speeds that have been observed on Gilbert, and she noted that a couple of local residents have really taken the lead in these speed-reduction endeavors.

##### *Beautification* – Tim MacConnell

Tim said that he has the agreement with the Parks Dept. for the servicing of flower pots, but has not yet sent it in.

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

Tim asked about the status of CVS and Jane said her understanding is that they are leaving. Samir noted that the new development on the former Kroger site will include new retail tenant, but it is unknown what sort they will be. The lack of both a grocery and pharmacy seems like something that should be of great concern to WHAC.

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*Communications & Marketing* – no formal report

*Membership* – no formal report; a committee chair is needed.

*Events* – no formal report

#### **Other Matters:**

Motion to resume full-body meetings on a monthly basis was approved, Michael Rountree 1<sup>st</sup>, Samir Kulkarni 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting time and day was discussed, with several options considered. It was agreed that a proposed meeting time of 9:00 AM on the third Monday each month would be put to a vote during the January meeting.

Samir said that he would like to send out an email to ask for input on our priorities for 2023.

Tim has spoken with Police Officer Derek Johnson, who was unable to attend our meeting this month. Officer Johnson intends to come to our January meeting, and does try to attend WHAC meetings. Samir said that it would be good if we could at least get a report from him that we can present and share, as it would be good to see crime statistics and trends. Jane said that crime in 2022 seemed to be comparable to 2021 from what she has seen. Tim said that he will request the Officer Johnson provide a report each month, and attend in person at least once each quarter.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:46 AM.