
Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group

Minutes

Minutes: April 20, 2023 - Walnut Hills Area Council: Business Group Meeting

Taken by Michael Rountree, Childress & Cunningham, Inc.

Attendance:

Merret Collister
Samir Kulkarni

Tim MacConnell
Teri Nau

Jessica Powell
Michael Rountree

Emmy Schroeder
Greg Warner

Opening:

Meeting called to order by Samir Kulkarni at 9:09 AM.

Minutes from the March 16, 2023 meeting were approved, Michael Rountree 1st, Tim MacConnell 2nd.

Treasurer's Report – Our general account stands at \$3496, with beautification at \$708 and the 5K Race account at \$40. We have not had an influx of dues from member renewals or joining, but we should be collecting them soon.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Physical Development – No Report

Traffic & Safety – No Report

Membership – Michael Rountree; a committee chair is needed.

Michael reminded the Group that a recent poll to assess potential meeting times did not favor any day/time nearly as much as Thursdays at 9 AM. However, Jane Keller has stated that an impediment for her is that she has conflicts on the third Thursday of the month. In light of this, Michael made a motion to change the meeting date to the fourth thursday of the month, beginning with the May meeting. This motion was approved, Michael Rountree 1st, Samir Kulkarni 2nd. In addition, it was agreed to hold the May meeting at The Palomar, 2622 Gilbert Avenue, as a special event.

Emmy asked what the typical attendance was like at WHBG meetings, and Michael replied that when we switched to Zoom meetings in 2020 participation began to decline, and with the resumption of in-person meetings this year our numbers have begun to recover.

Communications & Marketing – No Report

Events – No Report

Other Matters:

Jessica and Teri made their second presentation requesting a letter of support for zoning variances that are being sought for Talbert House's Veterans Supportive Housing, which they are developing in partnership with Easter Seals. This will provide workforce development as well as supportive services for mental health, substance abuse, etc. Tenants for the 48 units will come through the VA as well as CMHA.

Funding will come from a private donor as well as tax credits and city funding. Talbert House would like to request a letter of support for their request for city funding, as well as for zoning variances pertaining to the front setback and lack of a main entry that fronts the street, a fenced-in courtyard at the building front, as well as parking within the front setback. Michael noted that the requests essentially continue what currently exists. Motion to provide a letter of support for the variance request was approved, Samir Kulkarni 1st, Tim MacConnell 2nd.

As there were some new faces in attendance, each person introduced themselves and their business or organization. Represented were Talbert House, LaSoupe, Childress & Cunningham Architects, Thompson-MacConnell Cadillac, Solica Construction, and HGC/Trade.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:55 AM.