

WNA Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2010

In attendance: Chris Schexnayder, Gary Buvenick, Jan Boswell, Chris Morris, and Trudy Hasan

- Jan presented the Treasurer's Report. Seven homeowners have paid their dues so far this year.
- The Board approved the December 8, 2009 minutes.
- Chris S. provided an update on the speed monitoring sign for Summerset. The concrete slab for the sign has been installed.
- Enhancement Committee Update: Three people have responded to our request for enhancement committee members. Chris S. suggested that the duties be expanded to include more than just the yard of the month, such as code enforcement as it relates to neighborhood enhancement. Chris M. recommended that we make whoever is the chair of the committee also be Member-at-Large #3 so that a committee update can be provided to the Board each month.
- Annual Meeting: Chris S. will confirm that Officer LaHood is speaking at the meeting and will contact Sandy Baldrige again about whether she will be a speaker. Jan will check on the library's food/drink policy. If snacks are allowed, then we will see if Randalls can provide them. Chris M. will make copies of the proposed by-law amendments for the vote at the meeting.

Because of the library's various restrictions, we may want to look at finding a different meeting place for future board meetings, such as Patton or Small or other public building. Perhaps the recreation center across from the post office. We tentatively set the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month as our meeting date. Gary suggested that Sandy (or other representative) provide a OHAN report to the Board at least once a quarter.

- Tentative Meeting Agenda:
  - arrive early to set up chairs
  - nominations
  - voting for the board positions
  - voting on the by-laws
  - talks by Officer LaHood and Sandy Baldrige
  - recognition of Rick Perkins' contributions to Westcreek
  - general talk by Chris S.
- Gary presented a detailed analysis of our membership with respect to the mailer that is planned for later this month or early February. Approximately 18% of homeowners are WNA members and this group should be our target audience. We need to work the list of existing members and then try more active recruiting of new members, even going door to door. Contact Patton PTA for cross-over membership list. What about creating a competition on the website for highest percent of members on each street?

Why do we want members? To raise money to support issues in the neighborhood, raise clout with the city, build community support, enhance beautification of the neighborhood. What we

are “selling”: control of land use and development, enhanced property values, more trails and parks, safety and transportation issues. We need to be clear about how the money is spent – do we have a budget? For example, how much does mowing along Brush Country and the annual picnic cost?

- Pocket Park and Trail Update: Chris S. met with Stephanie of Councilmember Cole's office and with Rick Perkins. The City is not prepared to buy the land for the pocket park at this time, but the concrete-paved trail is in the works. The City will have to do some outreach to the area residents to make sure that everyone is aware of the plans and not opposed to them. This will then be followed by engineering studies, engineering plans, bids, etc.
- Chris M. provided an update on the articles of incorporation and non-profit status. Under 501c4, dues will not be tax deductible. We need to be 501c4 and not 501c3 in order to be able to lobby the city. Chris will send in the articles of incorporation to the State as the next step. We have a new EID number with the IRS.
- Chris S. noted that he is seeing a lot of trash and other code violations in the neighborhood and is writing up notices. Would like to encourage a “spring sweep” to clean up Westcreek.

Meeting Adjourned.