

WCNA Board Meeting

June 14, 2021

Start time: 1809

In Attendance: Brandon, Tyler, Tom, Greg, Cindy, Ryan, AL, Kelly, Ben

Tom Cain: Traffic studies around existing streets south of Washington and south of the tracks pattern and flow. Parking rights for residents around the new hospital, residential passes for street parking around the new hospital, and the backside of the Electric works. Can see the walking distance from the new parking garage being a problem if street parking is right there. We need to push the city to restudy the intersection of Broadway and Taylor, graded efficiently? Why not start round about now while Electric Works is under construction instead of waiting 3 to 5 years, then starting a new project all over again!

Enhance the arrival to the neighborhood: Could going through a porthole be an option? We (WCNA) own some property on both sides of the street (Jefferson) where tombstones and pine trees are. Entering the area, the first line of sight hits the NE side of the intersection, Jefferson/Washington split, this is where architecture should go.

Urban studies show people do not read text or signs but take road cues, "If it feels a bit dangerous we naturally slow down". Parking spots on Washington and Jefferson, right at the curve have done this with environmental cues.

Ideas: Sweeping walls and pillars 7 to 8ft tall. Tall foliage to be behind and around.

Lots of questions! Who owns structures, foliage and who has liability. We (the board) need to bring up ideas up to the neighborhood. Roughly estimated cost around \$80,000. We (WCNA) have been holding our money, this is our big-ticket item to show what we save for.

Would talking to the city about park strips and curbs be a part of what they could cover in this project? Could findings grants and matching grants be an option?

Thought (design): Are walls a good idea in the "hit section". How do we (WCNA) cover if it falls? If the neighborhood association pledges initial funds to help move up. Could individuals donate for or to someone? "In memory of" lasting plaques for legacy, donations from the neighborhood. How can the city help partner with us?

This should be taken to the city first before we take it to the Association, to get a feel for the idea and how the city would help.

Other ideas to go along with wall and pillars: Light illumination led, color-changing? Thoughts: who owns, operates, and maintains, City or WCNA? Power and meter would be another issue.

Idea: could solar panels cure this?

Secretary notes: Tabled to next month.

Treasurer notes: Sponsorship is now up to \$5850 with \$175.00 from membership and \$9.78 for tires. 60 shirts ordered with two designs. 1000 pieces ordered: magnets, buttons, ect... to hand out. The T-shirts cost \$837 \$500 and change for the buttons ect.... \$1,000 for the art fair in sponsored events. Received another check for \$3,000 we are now around \$9400. Approved, All I's.

Membership reports: We have gained a couple of more this month. 195 now, up from around 175 last month. Up over 200 with the nameless donations from Sasha. Any membership after October 15th goes into next year's count. Approved, All I's.

Home and Garden Tour: Next meeting is Thursday, June 17th.

10 homes for the tour Sweeny Park Place, 121 Garden, and 1133 Garden. Steve Veranda has added his garden and bungalow. Lavon and Jerry Sullivan 1030 W. Washinton along with 926 W. Washington. 926 to have a garden and home. Sabra will share her garden + video home tour. 1205 W. Wayne Grinsfielder's?

The hospital tour will sadly not be a part of the home tour this year. (Confirmed?)

801 W. Berry "as a during renovation". 915 W. Wayne Brandon's home. 1211 (no street given just address) is a possibility. Ben could close on 7-29.

T-shirt designs: Everyone likes the 4 color design. Everyone likes some combination of all four designs. Ideas about making some limited edition T-shirts for a bit more money and make a limited collectible poster as well? These designs work for this year though, we need to start earlier and make a competition next year to get more options.

Moody Park update: Tabled to next meeting. Need to tie in with an event.

Cell Phone tower: New on Nelson by the 13-step house. This is the first one that has gone up that is sort of pushed back to the alley. This will only affect a few homes.

Are there checks and balances to make sure Cell-Co is communicating with us? Going through the third party We (WCNA) have placed the ball in Cell-co's court.

Tyler will reach out to Kreiger and our DNR rep. to find out how that one went up, and see where Cell-Co stands.

Drop shaft construction: theoretically still on schedule, be it the 4th schedule. The vortex is complete, though broken and the diversion shaft is complete. Taking down crane next Wed. Ordered a new vortex shaft to replace the current broken unit. The last item to do is drop the next vortex shaft into place. July and August will be spent back filling the area and utilities. Everything is scheduled to be out and the road paved and open by September. The knee wall will be started next year after the bidding is complete.

Video call with Electric Works. Items to come out of call: Official traffic study has been completed, the only thing found was a light at Livina and Broadway is needed. Everyone who attended felt the call went well with Beers and Kevin Biggs. Our (WCNA) stance was: What is going to happen to the rest of the traffic on the surrounding streets in the neighborhood? Paths of least resistance. More on traffic studies?

Neighborhood paint program: Can we make a program to help this lady (house across and catty-corner from Ben's home.) and others like her? This could help them and the neighborhood, as most cannot physically upkeep anymore.

Ben could spearhead a volunteer effort. Can we ask ESM church to send people? Ideas: Could we find a church group to scrape and paint? Could we talk to neighbor-link if we seed the project could they put up the labor force? Who would supply the supplies? Could we do a go-fund-me account to cover this and other projects?

So far this year there have been 5 projects and three sidewalks started in the neighborhood.

Brandon's meeting: Over 40 people at the meeting. There was enough for a quorum.

The number one concern stated at the meeting was traffic patterns and flow. Traffic studies did not address the impact on the neighborhood and surrounding streets.

There will be 300 spaces in the garage to park in for residents. Developers will continue to work with us with our concerns over the project.

Neighborhood Code: Bringing someone in for the position with neighborhood code. Re-reach out in July to neighborhood code.

Neighborhood block party: Now around 5 weeks away. We need to start looking toward the date.

Former organizers, Bobby and Joe, left the position 2 years ago "one year ago due to covid".

All nominated Kelly to head.

End time: 1955