

## West Central Neighborhood Association

### Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2022, 7:00pm

Attendance: 23

Guest speaker: Scott Fergusson, founder of Chapman Brewing (est. 2012), spoke about their new location moving into Electric Works in the Spring (late February/March). They will be in Building 27 across Dynamo Alley from Do It Best. They will have a full kitchen, 15,000sq ft of space plus outdoor seating. It will have the brewery onsite. He shared information about the brewing process and hopes to be a good neighbor to West Central. For example, offering byproducts from the brewing process for compost and offering classes on brewing.

- Treasurer's Report: October Income= \$330.79 Total Assets= \$195,150.53
  - Motion passed to approve the treasurer's reports.
- Membership Report: 120 total members for 2022. New memberships: 38, Renewing members: 82
  - Motion passed to approve the membership reports.

**Election:** Tyler presented the current slate of officers:

- President- Open
- Vice President- Kelly Benton, 2nd year
- Treasurer- Nomination: George Taylor
- Secretary- Bethany Pruitt, 2nd year
- Membership- Nomination: Terry Taylor
- Tyler discussed the option of remaining in the president role temporarily and forming a committee to conduct a talent search to find the next president
- Haley was nominated for President, but he declined. No other candidates were nominated for board positions
- Motion was introduced to accept the slate as is. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. No abstentions or opposing votes.
  
- Joe Francis talked about a new tree program currently titled the "Yard Program." The purpose is to grow the tree canopy in the neighborhood. Trees are to be planted anywhere in a resident's yard. Trees are 3-7 gal and valued at \$80-\$200 but are free to residents (funded by the Tree Canopy Growth Fund- no cost to the neighborhood). An application is required. Joe had copies available at the meeting. Applications are also available online. Tentative deadline is December 31st. A list of available trees is on the back of the application. Joe is available to help residents decide which tree species may be best for their yard and how to place it.
  
- The Essex Corp has reached out wanting to be more involved in the neighborhood. They are hoping to plant a community garden of fruit trees near the corner of

Phenie St and Swinney Ave. They are looking for folks to step forward and help organize.

- Electric Works- Phase 2
  - Tyler shared updates that the building facing Broadway that will contain the Senior Apartments will begin construction.
- The Holiday Party will be on December 12th from 6-9pm at the Promenade Park Pavilion. This will take the place of the December association meeting. Please note, it is one week earlier than the usual association meeting.
- WCNA branded merch is available for sale on the website!
- Moody Park Update: Tyler shared that the Moody Park Steering Committee met with the Parks Department and they developed a plan based on the feedback given by the neighborhood about the improvements we would like to see. Chad Shaw will present the finalized plan to the Parks Dept in January for formal approval, at which point the plan will become public and we can begin finding funds for the improvements.
- Reminder! If you meet new neighbors, let them know that much of the neighborhood is part of the Local Historic District. They can call the City for approval of projects to exteriors: Creager Smith: 260-427-2161
- Another reminder! The neighborhood offers a security program to help with costs to improve the security of your home. Application is on the website. Remember to lock your doors and turn on porch lights to prevent crime.

Concluded: 7:48PM