

West Central Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2023, 7:00pm

Attendance: 18 people

President Joel Sauer shared the mission and vision of the West Central Neighborhood Association: to promote historic preservation and build the association members. He noted that the history of our neighborhood is a big part of what makes it so special, so the Board and association will work hard to protect it. Joel invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Our Treasurer and Membership Chair are currently in Portugal and will provide updates when they return!
- We have established a goal to push for increase in membership throughout the whole neighborhood.
- We now have an option for recurring membership payments to make it easier to renew your membership!

Moody Park Updates (provided by Ben Wahli)

- Fort Wayne Parks Department issued its final plan for Moody Park to the Parks Board at the February Meeting
- The plan is based on 3 community input sessions and additional meetings with the Moody Park Steering Committee.
- There is now a 1 month comment period– the link is on the Parks website front page: fortwayneparks.org
- Adopting the plan does not mean that it has funding. The budget is ~\$2 million
- Questions from neighbors: (answers to come)
 - Will the playground be ADA accessible?
 - Will the basketball court be caged?
 - What will the hours be for accessing the bathrooms?
- WCNA has \$23,000 earmarked for seed money for this project. The steering committee has talked to Geoff Paddock about funding options. The next step will be fund raising.

Tree & Sidewalk Program Updates

- The sidewalk program also includes curb replacement!
- Curbs and sidewalks must really be in need of repair to qualify for matching funds
- Lawn trees are now available in addition to street trees. The purpose of the Tree Program is to rebuild the beautiful tree canopy in the neighborhood.

Question: are the bylaws available on the WCNA website? westcentralneighborhood.org

Answer: Yes! These are available (along with meeting minutes) under the “Residents” tab.

Sneak Peak of March Association Meeting: We will be focusing on the future of the Home Tour! Please come (and bring a neighbor) to share your input on the priorities for WCNA membership and how to get involved! We still need a chair for the Home Tour Committee. Please consider volunteering! You can reach out to any member of the Board for more info.

Save the Date! The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 9th at 4pm at Moody Park. 700 eggs will be hidden and they go fast!

Concluded: 7:45 pm