

West Central Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2024 6:00pm

Call To Order –6:02 pm

- Attendees: Joel Sauer, Kelly Benton, Bethany Pruitt, Anita Kuker, George Taylor, Al Hofer
- Absent: none. Quorum present.

Landscaping Conversation with Tom Cain

- Question of landscaping arose and potential need for LHD guidance. Tom had put together a history of landscaping and possible guidelines.
- Concern from some board members was presented about promoting grass lawns
- Tom's input:
 - There is lots of evidence of what kinds of landscapes were present in Fort Wayne historically
 - Discussed history of attitudes toward lawns and the impact of the environmental movement of the 1960s
- We will put something on the website regarding resources and history of landscapes in the area.
- We will remind neighbors to get HPC approval for major landscape changes

Financial Update

- Income: \$236.79 from memberships and interest
- Expenses: \$16,559.33
 - Storage unit monthly fee is increasing by ~\$60/month
 - Beautification grants, Constant Contact subscription
 - \$15,000 contribution to Hemphill-Smith Foundation
- Total Assets: \$241,016.19
- Unrestricted assets: \$176,370.62

Finalize WCNA Spending Plan

- Joel provided the draft of the spending policy to present to the membership meeting next week.
- Change: “profits” will be “excess revenue above expenses”
- Change: instead of “all expenditures will be shared with the membership at its monthly meetings” it will be quarterly statements
- Change: \$250 donation must not benefit a for-profit organization, political entity, or house of worship
- Joel will make final changes and send out.

- Kelly: update on new signs for neighborhood. Kelly talked to the city employee heading the grant program.
 - We would add to existing signs rather than replace
 - Dimensions: 16x16" round cut
 - Reached out to Graphics Direct (used them with the home tour)
 - Quote: total per sign before installation: \$240.00
 - \$354 plus tax with installation
 - Would need to submit light pole numbers to the city
- Joel will put together a draft survey to solicit feedback from the neighborhood for "transformative neighborhood projects"
 - Idea to send out postcards with QR code for survey and other important info
 - Once a year expense at the beginning of the year to boost membership and attendance?

Moody Park Update: postponed due to Ben's absence

Allen County Planning Zoning Changes

- Accessory Dwellings- goal is to help with housing shortage
 - Eliminate public comment, make it a staff approval process
 - Limited to one per property
 - Would eliminate setback requirements
- We don't have much input. Joel sent a letter asking for LHDs to be an exception. The final vote does not have final comment.
- There is another meeting this Thursday at 1pm in Citizen's Square Room 035: Allen County Planning

Trash day is moving! December 2nd will permanently be moved to Tuesday

2024 Holiday Party

- Monday, December 9th at Chapman's

Concluded: 7:30PM