

West Central Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025 6:00pm

Call To Order –6:00 pm

- Attendees: Joel Sauer, Kelly Benton, George Taylor, Anita Kuker, Bethany Pruitt
- Absent: None. Full quorum present.

New Business: (George)

We are in the will of Darryl Tillford – he was a founding member of the H&G Tour. We won't know for another 9 months how much the gift will be.

Paw Sensitive Poop Removal reached out to us. They install and service waste receptacles. We could consider having receptacles on the corners. They do this for the pufferbelly trail. No info on cost yet. George will follow up and get more info.

Looking into snow removal was also suggested

Note: Hastings charged us a late fee for not formally canceling our insurance policy (this was the responsibility of the agent). George and Joel took care of getting this fee reversed.

Member Survey Results

- 28 Responses
- Transformative Neighborhood Project: (ranked order)
 - Urban Trail development* (most said this was their top priority)
 - Moody Park Upgrades
 - Thieme Overlook
 - Gateway Signage
 - Historic Markers/Preservation Resources
 - Write-ins: plowing sidewalks, more historic talks/tours
- Infrastructure repair and maintenance
 - Brick street and alleys *
 - Sidewalks and street repair
- Member Programs:
 - Home beautification
 - Sidewalks and curbs
 - Trees
 - Safety and security* (most listed as top priority)
 - Pruning program to help with the trees

2025 Spending Priorities

- Could we also cost share lead service line replacement? There is an income-based program.
- <https://mybrightpoint.org/index.php/get-help/family-stability/lead-service-line-replacement/>
- <https://utilities.cityoffortwayne.org/remove-lead>
- \$2600 for City Utilities Project Area. Free for households less than \$45K, 65% reduced if you earn under \$60,000, 30% reduced for under 75K. Financing optional–The cost is put directly on the water bill. We could start by putting out the information about this program. Agreed to do this for a year.
- Painting the jersey barriers was suggested. We would need approval from dept of transportation. This would be Public Art. As a courtesy, we should get approval from homeowners.

2025 Budget

- Downgraded budgeted H&G revenue on budget by \$10,000 (to reflect likely decrease in 2025 due to weather). \$59,700 totally budgeted
 - \$25k to \$26K on budgeted expenses
 - For a net of \$33K
 - budgeted combined net \$36K for H&G Tour and ArtsFest
 - Suggestions: add budget line for trash cans for each house (\$250)
 - Need new Square readers x5 (\$250)
 - A second WC branded tent topper (\$200)
Plastic A-Frame Signs
 - Upgrade Signage budget up to \$1250
 - Additional Port-a-Potty +\$400
 - Longer security– double
- There was no money spent on sidewalks programs, but there were two applications. We are checking on their status.
- Add line item for public art.
- Holiday Party- keep it at \$3000
- New Neighbor Welcome Party- up to \$2000
- Cookie Exchange: up to \$200
- Increase Egg Hunt to \$175
- Add postcards \$1000

WCNA 10-Year Neighborhood Plan

- in queue for 2028

Postcards for Meeting Announcements

- The purpose would be to increase attendance at membership meetings.
- This could be very costly to do this every month.
- Currently have 134 memberships.
- Delivered 19 welcome packets last year!
- Kelly proposed sending cards one time and see how effective it is.

- Agreed to do it before the April meeting
- Kelly will design and work with Anita to get it printed and mailed.

Renter's Membership Rate

- We don't currently have a different rate.
- Joel proposed \$5 membership for renters.
- How do we determine who is a renter? We can use the honor system.

Moody Park Update- postponed because Ben is absent

- make sure that the money approved in 2024 is reflected on the budget

Notes from President's Meeting

- Kelly attended in December
- 4 new FWPD whose sole job is speeding and red light running focusing on areas that are called in (call 311). We'll put this out on facebook
- City is going to prioritize neighborhood sidewalks
- Future meeting will bring in an attorney to discuss covenants and how neighborhoods can enforce their rules
- Reach out to Dan Baisden to get the form about prioritize repairs

Historic Preservation Committee Update

- deferred

Calendar of Events

- deferred

Concluded - 7:27 pm