

West Central Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026 6:00pm

Call To Order –6:00 pm

- Attendees: Kelly Benton, Chris Todd, Anita Kuker (via telephone), Bethany Pruitt, Jon Paul Pepen, Al Hofer, Joel Sauer
- Absent: none

Trees

- Followed up on email discussion about request for larger trees
- Decision needed by tomorrow
- Joel proposed approving \$2500 additional which is the maximum we are allowed to spend outside of the budget without association approval
- We will fund 50 2-inch trees. The other 5 requested will be worked into the budget for 2027
- Joel will communicate decision to Joe Francis and Derek

Longest Tables

- Sonia Checcia submitted a proposal for an event based on one originating in Chelsea, NYC.
- Estimated \$4,000; will need to go to the association if held in 2026 but can work it into the budget for 2027
- Discussed preference for 2027 so that it is not so close to the Home Tour.

HPC Updates

- Project in the neighborhood was lacking permits and HPC approval; Joel caught it early and the HPC intervened to get all necessary approvals

West Jefferson Blvd Resurfacing Update

- Survey crews were spotted recently
- Joel is investigating to find out if this is the same project previously planned
- We'd like to get curb bump outs included in the project
- Anita offered to contact the person who led the project in front of her house

Art This Way

- Jurors are needed on August 20th from 3:30 to 4:30pm
- Kelly and Connie offered to go.

Holiday Party

- Discussed preferences for location: it was decided that last year's location received a lot of positive feedback. Will book The Barrel Room at the Fairfield again
- Feedback from last year: book 2 bartenders and order more food

Home Tour Update

- Planning going well
- Known and reliable volunteers are needed for ticket sales. Joel and Jon Paul volunteered
- The budget for the Pre-Tour Party is tight. Chris reviewed the current catering plan. Discussed if we want to put more money toward additional food.
- HPC wants to put signs about historic preservation and to promote the HPC during the tour. We will give them the OK to put one sign at each stop. Kelly will confirm with Ryan who will communicate this to the HPC

SWAP Notes

- Joel sent out notes from July
- Kelly will attend this month

Connected Neighborhoods Grants

- We still haven't heard much- Joel reached out to Dan Baisden, who said some of the materials for the announcement are back ordered.
- The projects have still not been officially announced or approved

Set Agenda for Membership Meeting

Yesterday in West Central

Thanks you for Block Party volunteers and participants

Upcoming Events: Tour, Movie Night

Preview elections, advisory board members, new position of city liaison

Vacant Houses

Looking ahead: solicit feedback about priorities, does the membership want to continue with donations? Postcard for October. Review the priorities for 2026 and what we've accomplished. Guest speakers: FW Trails, Dan Baisden

Concluded 7:13 pm