

West Main Hill Neighborhood Association Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Nate Anderson, Noah Dorfman, Jim Hopfensperger, Bruce Martin, Darin Meyer, Bob Stauffer, Beth Pappalardo, Anne Cullen Puente, Fred Schlegel, Jeff Sherman

Guests: Officer Stan McDonald, Greg Diment

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Hopfensperger chaired the meeting in absence of President Wright. Four items were added to the agenda:

- A resolution to acknowledge Jim Van Sweden
- Kalamazoo Public Safety Updates
- Basketball hoops in the Tot Lot
- Bed and breakfast variance request in WMHNA

2. Approval of 6.30.15 Meeting Minutes

Stauffer made a motion to accept as presented; Sherman supported. Motion passed by consensus.

3. Kalamazoo College News

Greg Diment served as K representative as Jim VanSweden was unable to attend. Provided updates on:

- a. VanSweden recovery. Diment read an excerpt of letter of gratitude from VanSweden.
- b. A reminder that USTA tourney is this week and Academy Street will be temporarily a one-way street
- c. Construction bids on the Fitness + Wellness Center due in August; completion expected by August early 2016
- d. The college is investigating the possibility of converting campus drive into a one-way passage with entry on Academy Street and exit on Lovell Street.
- e. Stauffer prepared "get well soon" message on behalf of the WMHNA Board. Meyer moved that board pass the resolution to acknowledge VanSweden; Pappalardo supported. Motion passed by unanimously.

4. Kalamazoo Public Safety

Officer Stan McDonald asked for feedback on any issues in the neighborhood. Discussions ensued about the possibility of diagonal parallel parking on the east end of Lovell Street and on Burrows Street from Michigan Avenue north to Crawford Street.

5. Treasurer's Report

Schlegel provided a brief update.

6. Board Officers and Assignments Update

- a. Martin presented a motion that the following board members serve as officers: Louise Wright as President; Darin Meyer as Vice President; Fred Schlegel as Treasurer; Jim Hopfensperger as Secretary. Stauffer supported. Motion passed.
- b. Board member(s) Pappalardo and Dorfman will take leadership of the newsletter. It is recommended that Doug Duncan and Randy Walker be included. A meeting with Wright will be encouraged to facilitate transition.
- c. Leader(s) were identified for each of these annual events:
 - i. Ice Cream Social - Connie and Pete Carroll
 - ii. Winter Carnival - Tarranella and Schlegel
 - iii. August WMHNA/USTA/K potluck/picnic - Tarranella and Schlegel
 - iv. Harvest Moon Dance - Wright (tentative date of Saturday, September 26th)
 - v. Easter Egg Hunt – Pappalardo, Anderson, Becca Hunsinger, Scott Hunsinger

7. August Picnic Update

Schlegel provide update on planning for the picnic.

8. City of Kalamazoo Recreational Lighting Ordinance Update

Meyer and Hopfensperger provided a brief update and will again solicit neighborhood feedback.

9. Old Business

Board agreed to invite neighbors to the September meeting to discuss basketball hoops in the Tot Lot.

10. New Business

- a. Schlegel alerted board to an impending variance request to convert the home at the southwest corner of Monroe and Grand into a bed and breakfast.
- b. Stauffer suggested that the board might wish to dialogue with city staff about trimming some of the dangerous overhanging tree limbs. Others suggested that perhaps the city could also inspect trees for general health and disease to identify dangerous trees.

11. WMHNA Strategic Planning Actions

Martin provided overview and led discussion. Board suggested that this could be included on each monthly agenda in the coming year.

12. Motion to Adjourn

Stauffer made a motion to adjourn; Meyer supported. Motion passed by consensus. Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted 7.28.15 by Jim Hopfensperger