



Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

Waldo Area Business Assoc.

7222 Wornall Rd, KCMO 64114

Also held via G-Suite Conference Call

Board members present: President Richard Murray, Vice President Amanda Rhodes, and Secretary Alex DeMasi, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, B. Michael McFarland, Alison Baker, and Drew Rogers.

Board members absent: Maureen Hardy

Others present: Jim Anderson and Melissa Quearry

Richard Murray motioned to approve the March meeting minutes, Amanda Rhodes seconded. The March meeting minutes were approved.

Finance Committee: Gaye Tillotson reported that there was approx. \$2,400 on the WPHA credit card for this month with approx. \$1,500 related to Spring Festival, \$600 related to Summer Picnic, \$107 for the Harvesters event, and the remaining balance attributable to regular charges.

Tillotson reported 2 new Diamond memberships this past month.

Murray reported that the Finance Committee met this past month. Rhodes is going to draft an article for the bylaws regarding the administration of the investment account and will present this to the Board at the June 2023 meeting.

Security Committee: Jim Anderson attended last month's CPAC meeting. Some highlights from the CPAC meeting include updates regarding new cameras and licence plate readers in certain areas within Kansas City. CPAC reported that there is a general issue with Jackson County residents not registering their cars to avoid the property assessment and the fine associated with this is \$37. The next two CPAC meetings are May 9th and June 13th.

Murray attended last month's WABA security meeting. There was one member of KCPD and one person from the WABA CID Board in attendance. While this was a lightly attended meeting, it was information. KCPD provided very specific information regarding the Waldo area, but nothing specific to our neighbourhood. Murray will continue to attend these meetings. WABA is considering increasing security during the day to deter crime up and down Wornall.

Membership Committee: There is no push for memberships rights now. WPHA is still accepting month-to-month memberships.

Beautification Committee: Drew Rogers reported that the Beautification Committee needs to take bids for a raised garden bed on the 75th Street. Anderson currently waters the plants at the monument. Anderson has regular help in place to mow grass at this monument.

Communications Committee: B. Michael McFarland reported that the May newsletter will go out by May 5th.

Events Committee: Murray reported that Harvesters went well. This was the second year where Harvesters brought a van. There were more people at the drop off location this year when compared to last year. WPHA donated 1,903 pounds of food, which equates to approx. 1,586 meals (186 bags of food). This was a great turnout. WPHA collected more bags this year, but less weight in food than in 2022. Overall, this was a successful turnout.

Alison Baker suggested that the Board find a way to accept online donations for this event. Rogers reminded the Board that we discussed this last year and that Harvesters does not offer the option for small groups like ours to have online donations tied to specific events. McFarland stated that it would not hurt to keep looking at this again. There were no additional questions.

Murray reported that Garage Sale Weekend is the weekend of May 12th. Murray reported that the Summer Picnic is in 5 weeks and that the Events Committee is on top of it in terms of planning.

New Business:

District 6 Meeting: Murray attended the District 6 Meeting in April. Andrea Bough, Kevin McManus, and Quinton Lucas were in attendance. The City turnout was great and this was an extremely informative meeting with about 50 attendees. There was nothing substantial in terms of updates. This was Kevin McManus' last meeting on City Council.

Property Assessments: DeMasi and Anderson attended the property assessment meetings in March. There was nothing really new reported at these meetings, but rather this was largely a question and answer session for residents to ask the Assessor's Office questions.

PIAC: Our PIAC Request for 2023 was denied. DeMasi will take suggestions for the 2024 submission, which will be sent to the City in July.

Kansas City Neighbourhood Advisory Council (KCNAC) is having a discussion on May 3rd regarding short term rentals in relation to the City Code. KCNAC has requested that we send a letter to the meeting tomorrow and requested submissions by the end of the day May 2nd. This came to our attention at the last minute. This would be extremely beneficial to our neighbourhood and will require owners of short term rentals to register with the City. This should result in more clarity and accountability. Rogers asked if Tiffany Moore planned on testifying. Murray confirmed Moore would testify. Rogers recommended that we let her know of WPHA's support and she can include this in her live testimony. Rogers motioned for a vote. The vote was approved unanimously. Murray will email Tiffany Moore tonight about the WPHA position on this.

A resident asked us to put a notice in the newsletter regarding fentanyl abuse. Her son passed away from fentanyl abuse and this notice would be in conjunction with Fentanyl Awareness Day. McFarland indicated that this affects the whole community. An email was sent to the entire board for a vote, which unanimously passed.

Eron Dawkins, Community Engagement Specialist emailed Murray having Dawkins involved in future WPHA meetings. This will be put up for discussion at the next meeting.

In April 2023 there was no quorum for a meeting. B. Micahel McFarland took notes from these meeting, which are read into the record below:

No quorum

No procedural votes

Minutes: last line on p2 from last month's minutes; Richard will send other changes to Alex

Finance: 2 additional diamonds at Spring Event

Security: Richard will connect jim and Mary for CPAC meetings

No WABA Security Meeting this month

Beautification: questions about using WPHA debit card to make purchases from Jim so he doesn't have to submit receipts

Communications: report in packet; draft newsletter to board; please have comments to B. Michael by Wednesday EOD for Thursday edits for Friday distribution.

Events: Spring Festival recap

In Alex's absence, no update on Property Tax Assessments; he will be asked to give it at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43.

Minutes submitted by Alex DeMasi