



Board Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2024

Waldo Area Business Assoc.

7222 Wornall Rd, KCMO 64114

Also held via G-Suite Conference Call

Board members present: Vice President Amanda Rhodes, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Alison Baker, Melissa Quearry, Drew Rogers, and Sarah Schlachter

Board members absent: President Richard Murray, Secretary Alex DeMasi, B. Michael McFarland

Other attendees: Justin Hutman

The July 2, 2024 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Amanda Rhodes. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the June 4, 2024 WPHA Board meeting were reviewed. Rhodes moved to approve the minutes and Melissa Quearry seconded. The June 4, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

Tillotson reported on financials, which were provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Total income over expenses for the Fiscal Year currently stands at \$4,967.90. Tillotson noted that the date of the investment valuation on the report should be March 30, 2024. Rhodes noted that she checked the investment valuation prior to the meeting and it remains approximately the same as it was on March 30, 2024. She reminded the Board that the 6-month treasury bill will come due later this summer. She noted that she will likely discuss this at the August or September meeting.

Tillotson then provided an update on insurance. She noted that the new insurance policy is effective as of late June.

Rhodes then provided an update on storage. She noted that all WPHA items have been moved into the new storage unit at Extra Space. She noted that three individuals have a key to the storage facility: herself, President Richard Murray, and Sarah Schlachter. Rhodes noted that Board members should email all three individuals whenever they need to access storage. Tillotson noted that she sent a written notice of the cancellation of the old unit with Storage Mart but did not receive a response. She noted that she will continue to watch the upcoming credit card bill to confirm that the WPHA is not charged for the old unit.

Quearry then reported on Security Committee activity. She noted that the CPAC meeting was canceled and no one from the WPHA was available to attend the WABA security meeting.

Rhodes then reported on Membership Committee activity. She noted that there is no update for this meeting but that there will be an update at the next meeting as the new membership year approaches.

Next, Sarah Schlachter reported on Beautification Committee activity. She noted that she has confirmed the date and logistics of the Mums Sale with WPPC and Waldo Greenhouse. She noted that the volunteer coordinators from last year have agreed to help again this year. Schlachter then noted that the WPHA purchased artificial ferns for the islands. Rhodes noted that they looked nice and thanked Schlachter and Hutman for their work.

Rhodes then reported on Communications Committee activity, which was provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. She reminded the Board to please review the draft newsletter and provide any comments to B. Michael McFarland by the end of day tomorrow.

Next, Rhodes reported on recent and upcoming events. She noted that the first Thirsty Thursday occurred in June. She noted that Murray will provide a detailed report of the event at the next meeting. Rhodes then discussed the Summer Picnic. She noted that the event was held this past Saturday from 11 am – 1 pm. She noted that Kona Ice was in attendance for the first hour. Rhodes noted that it rained for the first 30-45 minutes of the event. She noted that there were approximately 35-40 people, as soon did not get Kona. She reminded the Board that this will be last iteration of the Summer Picnic given the persistent difficulties with the weather and volunteer scheduling issues.

Rhodes then noted that the first Fourth Friday Family Game Night will occur later this month, which she will discuss in more detail during new business.

New Business

Rhodes first discussed the Strengthening the Health of Neighborhood grant program. She reminded the Board that the WPHA was awarded an \$8,500 grant for programming. She noted that she and Murray have attended the necessary meetings and training for receipt of this grant, including adult mental health first aid training.

Rhodes noted that the grant will be used for three events: the Fourth Friday Game Night series, Trivia Night, and Neighborhood Night Out. She noted that the game nights will occur on the following dates: July 26; Sept. 27; Oct. 25; Nov. 22; and Dec. 27. She noted that they will be held at WPPC from 6 – 9 pm. Rhodes noted that dinner will be provided starting at 6 pm and then a presentation or discussion will be held for the first 20-30 minutes on various community issues. She noted that the WPHA will purchase some games for the events. She further noted that WPPC is collecting RSVPs for the event, and people can either RSVP via the SignUpGenius link or call the WPPC office.

Rhodes then discussed Trivia Night. She noted that Trivia Night is scheduled for August 23, 2024 in lieu of the game night. She noted that it will begin at 6 pm at WPPC and is targeted to adults. Rhodes noted that WPHA will be collecting RSVPs for the event via PayPal. She noted that the price is \$25 per table for up to 8 people or \$5 per individual and individuals will be placed at a table. Rhodes noted that the hope is that residents will organize their own tables. She noted that dinner and drinks will be included. She further noted that the event will be hosted by Zeb with Let's Get Trivial. Rhodes noted that Board members are welcome to have a table since the host is creating and scoring the event. She noted that she and Murray will be working the event and may request another 1-2 volunteers to help as needed. Rhodes noted that the WPHA will invite KCPD to attend and provide a brief presentation during the dinner portion. She then noted that there will be prizes for first, second, and third place as well as door prizes for attendees.

Rhodes noted that McFarland has created a flyer for the Fourth Friday Game Night series and Trivia Night. She noted that the flyer will be mailed to all homes and that people can expect to see it in the next week or two.

Rhodes then discussed Neighborhood Night Out. She noted that this will be similar to prior Neighborhood Night Outs. She noted that the main difference will be that the WPHA is inviting community partners to join and provide information to residents. Rhodes noted that the WPHA will purchase some lawn games for this event through the grant funds. Baker suggested that the WPHA ask residents if they would like to donate any lawn games or board games for these events. Rhodes noted that she will ask McFarland to include this request in the upcoming newsletter. Drew Rogers noted that he would be willing to make a giant Jenga set for the WPHA. Rhodes noted that she will follow up with Rogers after the meeting to discuss this further.

Lastly, Rhodes noted that she attended the Sixth District meeting on June 11, 2024. She noted that there were several presenters on the ongoing construction projects in the area. She noted that as of the date of that meeting, EPC was scheduled to begin prep work and demolition for the new apartment building later this month. Rhodes noted that the employee in charge of sidewalk repairs also gave a presentation, and he noted the importance of people reporting issues via 311 or the MyKCMO application. She encouraged Board members to remind neighbors to report any sidewalk issues via these methods.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Amanda Rhodes.