

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

6:30 PM @ West Central Community Center

For accuracy, members and guests, please sign in before taking a seat

Remember non-members, 3 out of 4 consecutive attended meetings qualifies you for membership.

If you have attended at least 4 meetings in the last calendar year you may be by written request, become a voting member.

For excused absences please call or e-mail: Steve Corker at 509-230-3901 or at scorker@ix.netcom.com

Called to Order at 6:35 pm

Present: Mike Brakel, Steve Corker, Kelly Cruz, Naomi Flaherty, Mary Fryback, Kevin Brownlee, Judith Gilmore, Christie Kimball, Steve Kounkel, Harry Lawrence, Kimberly Lawrence, Heather Lundy, Bonnie McInnis, Jessie Norris, Kathy Reid, Craig Ritchie, Helen Sandifur, Jo Ann Stuart, Stephanie, Swan, Marcia Thompson, and Kay Howard.

Guests: Sarah Brandon, John Brandon, and City Councilwoman Candace Mumm

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of December 10th Agenda and October/November Minutes

Bonnie McInnis moved to defer audit items until January. (This is item 6 on the December agenda.)

Motion seconded and approved with no nays.

Meeting minutes did not reflect Kay Howard's resignation as Vice Chair.

Other than Kaye Howard's resignation the minutes were moved to approval, seconded and approved with no nays.

Appointment of Nomination Committee

Stephanie Swan, Jessie Norris and Kimberly Lawrence all volunteered to be on the nomination committee. The Chair confirmed appointments.

A recent copy of the Council's Bylaws were requested by (and later provided to) the Nominations Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

Bonnie McInnis introduced Candace Mumm who explained that by the end of the year CBDG funds would be solidified. The process had changed a lot this year and feedback from CDBG representatives would be used to improve that process.

Judith Gilmore indicated she has stepped down from her position on the CDB G. She also provided feedback to the council representative that the process for CBDG should start sooner to ensure deadlines can be met using the new process.

An unrelated update was provided on the passing of a new ordinance that will include new checks and balances for the exemption processes related to wages.

She reminded everyone that voter registration reminders would come out in the upcoming utility bills.

A request was made to review the benefits of being a 501c3. Further discussion postponed until the January meeting.

An update was provided to the efforts to revamp our web presence. Time on the January agenda was requested to discuss a possible path to increasing our web presence via social media, a web site and the city hosted site.

Treasurer's Report:

No Change

Checking: \$381.86

Savings: \$269.39

Community Assembly:

Rental Ordinance. Bonnie McInnis asked the best way to communicate as a link between neighborhood members on the council and the Assembly. It was suggested that using the reply all option from the minutes email each month would allow communication to the entire email list of the council.

Steve Corker reported that he had followed up with the design and review committee about seeing the plans and designs for the overlook. He also stated that Rental Inspection ordinance is being worked on at the City level right now. Those with property should follow up on this document so as to provide feedback at city council meetings if they have any.

Councilwomen for our district are going to begin holding a mobile office in order to keep connected. These could be in a neighborhood library or some such location.

Community Development Committee:

The applications from last month were turned in to the City..

Office of Neighborhood Services has asked that we validate our meeting start and end times.

New Business:

It was suggested that we talk at some point about doing away with the 501c3 status of our council. It was moved and seconded to discuss this option. 15 voted in favor. One, no. Two, abstained.

Website:

Steve Corker appoints three to a website committee. They asked for pictures. No phone pictures. Bonnie McInnis pointed out that this would be a great opportunity to highlight some of the photos and work done for the historic neighborhood project. Kevin Brownlee will see if we can get permission from the MAC to use some of these photos. Kelly Cruz recommended that the neighborhood plan be on the website. It was also brought up, that other neighborhoods are using Facebook, blogs, and twitter. We as a neighborhood want to know what our web presence should be. It was suggested this be added to the agenda for one of the next few months to present ideas and options for what the website could look like. The committee will give a report at the January meeting. Email the committee with ideas for content.

Council Election:

The Nominations Committee will make its recommendations in January. In February, ballots will be distributed. These elections are for the Board Officers (Executive Committee).

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Public Forum:

Steve Corker will be on a program on 630 Radio. He will be speaking as a former council member on whether or not City Elections should move from non-partisan to partisan, not the chair of West Central. Program air times 9am and 9pm this Friday.

Judith Gilmore thanked us as being one of four neighborhoods for helping fund the greenhouse that was voted for during our application process last month. 1925 N. Shannon.

Adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Flaherty

Secretary