

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 09, 2015

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: Mike Brakel at 509-993-3339 or at wcnc.chair@gmail.com

Attendance: Arielle Anderson, Michelle Bennington, Mike Brakel, Kevin Brownlee, Kelly Cruz, Ken Cruz, Naomi Flaherty, Shari Frankovic, Laura Hathorn, Daniel Herbers, Kay Howard, Jack Jones, Steve Kounkel, Harry Lawrence, Kimberly Lawrence, Jessie Norris, David Reynolds, JoAnn Stewart, Stephanie Swan, Larry Swartz, Sarah Tosch. Members to Be and Guests: Joyce Renolds, Neal Schindler, Joseph Stassi, Morgan Thomas, Brian Thomas, Stephanie Goldsmith, Teresa Smick, Bea Lackoff, DaLynna Larsen, Roni Carter, Eric Robison, Melissa Robison, Laurie Ryan, Richard Cielbreth, S. Horton, Milena Robison, Cullen Elliot. Excused: Jen Hussey, Judith Gilmore.

Called to Order at 6:30pm

Welcome and Introduction: we did not have a quorum at this point

Approval of September 9 Agenda and August 2015 Minutes: not approved yet due to no quorum. A quorum was reached at 6:47pm and we voted on Agenda and Minutes at that time. It was moved, seconded and the Agenda was approved. There were two corrections the spelling of Cal Coblenz and Jack Hebner. It was moved, seconded, and the minutes were approved with the edits.

Free Tree, Alicia Powell: She provided information on how to register for residential free trees. She also informed the neighborhood about how the greening grant we applied for is being used. One resident who attended mentioned that he would love to see the greening grant focus on College Avenue next year.

Heather Trautman spoke to us regarding Office of Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement. She reminded us that we can submit code enforcement reports and they are working with the city to address abandoned properties and squatting residents. Her office is looking at creating trainings and workshops for residents. Past topics include communications, how to get participation around issues, how to develop membership for your neighborhood council. Let her know if there are topics we're interested in. On September 21, the city council will be voting on the Neighborhood Notification Ordinance. They are encouraging people to come out and speak to the city council about this that night.

Karen Stratton, City Council Woman for our District. She informed us that we can email her or Council Woman Mumm about crimes you've reported and they will make sure to update you about the progress on the crime. One resident asked the council woman if there was any priority to get service providers, like mental health and homeless support services, into the neighborhoods meeting the people that need help. Another resident expressed concern that Broadway Foods is selling alcohol that is then consumed in the park causing more issues.

Community Development Block Grant Voting: Jessie Norris explained the process we need to follow to vote for the CDBG Fund allocation.

West Central Community Center Vehicle Garage and ADA Ramp. The Center has informed us the garage is their top priority. As such, the CDBG committee has recommended \$25,000 be allocated to the Garage. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept this recommendation. Yes: 16. No: 0. Abstain: 2.

Sinto Senior Activity Center Expansion: Discussion was had around what exactly was being funded. It was answered that we would be funding expansion for future growth in the senior population to be served. The money would be used to help

building a garage and parking spaces. The CDBG committee has recommended \$10,000. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept this recommendation. Yes: 17. No: 1. Abstain 1.

Fulcrum Institute - Ash Street Workforce Training Station: The CDBG Committee recommended \$12,600. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept this recommendation. Yes: 18. No: 0. Abstain: 2

Lighting for Dutch Jake Park: The CDBG committee has recommended \$15,000 for lighting. This would be to run power to North end of the park for a light. If we run electricity, the police could possibly put up a security camera. Kelly Cruz suggested we write a letter to the Parks Board about cleaning up the park, weeds, etc. He specifically asked that the letter request \$10,000 committed from them for improvement of the park. We agreed to discuss this under new business. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the recommendation to allocate \$15,000 for lighting. Yes: 18. No: 0. Abstain: 3.

Sidewalk Repair: The CDBG Committee recommended \$5,545 to sidewalk repair. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept this recommendation. Yes: 18. No: 0. Abstain: 1.

A resident reminded us that we have documents created to ask for follow up from those organizations we funded last year. Mike and Jessie said we would follow up about making a process to receive this followup.

Community Assembly Representative Election: Arielle Anderson was the only member interested. It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Arielle Anderson as the Community Assembly Representative. Yes 19. No: 0. Abstain 1.

WC Urban Fun Event Committee Report: Arielle explained that the idea was to create some events for community fun. One idea was to have a sort of harvest party that included a ribbon cutting for the Nettleton Triangle. They want to partner with the Farmers Market that meets at Cannon and perhaps have food trucks. They also want to include games for kids. One person offered face painting. Planning is still in progress.

Fall Neighborhood Cleanup: October 3rd is the proposed date. In April, 25 tons of garbage left the neighborhood. We are looking to have partnerships within the neighborhood again to help. One resident mentioned Whitworth has helped with this in the past and asked if we have partnered with them again.

West Central Community Center Report: The center has lost one of their vans due to an accident. They have \$11,000 to put towards another vehicle and they are working on this.

Standing Committee Reports

- a. Parks Report - They are focusing on Dutch Jake. The committee meeting is next week at the Community Center. Come and share your thoughts and ideas.
- b. Treasurer's Report - We used \$5.50 on printing this month.
- c. Communications Report - brief mention of minutes being posted to website.
- d. Community Assembly Report - no report, deferred meeting due to Labor Day weekend.

Legacy Fund Report: There was a Street Tree fund and Project Hope fund. We voted to use the remainder of the Street Tree Fund for a neighbor that has a dead tree causing issues and there is now no Street Tree Fund. We need to have more conversation around how to use the Project Hope Fund.

New Business

Kelly Cruz requested we vote on the letter he suggested earlier. Specifically, the letter should say we are requesting \$10,000 for landscaping from the Parks board in consideration of the fact we are spending money on lighting in Dutch

Jake Park. This letter will be from the Executive Committee and Parks Committee to the Parks Board. The executive committee will prepare it and bring it to the council for approval at the next General Meeting. It was moved, seconded, and approved. Yes: 16. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Laura Hathorn asked about painting a crosswalk by Bongs on Boone.

It was moved, seconded and approved to create a a bylaws committee to include Naomi Flaherty, Jessie Norris, Arielle Anderson, and Kimberly Lawrence. Y: 14. No. 0. Abstain. 1.

Old Business

A resident stated the Neighborhood Resource Officer recommended we revisit the Alcohol Impact Area. We will ask Traci Ponto to attend the October meeting regarding this and we will put it on the October Agenda.

Adjourned: 7:53pm