



HWEN Minutes, August 6, 2018

Members Present: Mary Crichton, Wesley Wilson, Ann Toplovich, Paul Picelli, Greg Asadourian, Jan Bushing, Tom Cash, Jessica McDuffie Massey, Nora Liggett, Phil Ryan, Susan Schipani., Andrew Lange, Margaret Phillips, Phil Ryan, Gill Murrey, Miriam Mimms, Mary Skinner, J.D. Thomas, Chad Clark, Martha Stinson

Guest: Council member Burkley Allen

Tom welcomed everyone and read a thank you note from Lynn Driver.

1. **June minutes** were read and approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report** was distributed and read. We voted to move \$50,000 to a Vanguard account.

3. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Save Our Dragon**-We discussed damage to the Dragon in previous years, reported to be committed by Vanderbilt fraternity pledges as part of their initiation. Gill volunteered to have her husband, Hank, a former Vanderbilt employee, contact the Dean of Students. She'll follow-up with Martha and Jan.
- b. **Beautification**-Wesley reported these results from their recent meeting:
He said that we have 5 mutt-mitt boxes to attach to HWEN signs. We are looking for people to maintain the boxes. Greg volunteered to install these and send out the list of locations for people to volunteer to maintain.

He reported that we need to replace the plumbing at the Triangle after a car ran through it. The estimate for the repair is \$3,000. A neighbor, Kim Hawkins, saw the accident and identified the car. We know the residence in which the car has been parked. We decided to make sure the car is still at the residence, and get a statement from Kim. We can then file a police report and insurance report. Greg thinks it could be fixed for less than the estimate. We are unsure about whether the backflow valve can only be installed by licensed

contractor. Phil made a motion that we fix it on our own and it was seconded and approved. A motion was also made and approved to find the car and pursue a police complaint.

We also discussed filing the paperwork to turn the Dragon Park into an arboretum. We would need to reassess the canopy and decide what trees we need to do this. The annual tree sale will be the week after Thanksgiving and needs volunteers. The Vanderbilt Athletics Department has approached our group about having their students volunteer in clean-ups at the Dragon Park and Love Circle.

- c. **Communications-** Mary reported that because Gill and Hank are moving, we are looking for a graphic designer for the newsletter. The next issue will be her last. We decided to advertise this on List Serve and Facebook. The next newsletter goes out the last weekend of October, and the deadline is Oct. 12. Mary said that we need to clearly specify dates for the calendar.
- d. **Streets-** Nora said that the Walking District survey has shown that it has been a success in slowing down traffic. Other neighborhoods such as the Belmont Hillsboro Association want to follow. She said that a goal in Metro is for all residential streets to be changed to 25 mph. Because the cost for Walking District signs is prohibitive, there will be physical changes to the sidewalks and the implementation of bollards.
- e. **Zoning and Codes-**Chad reported houses that applied for building approval in our neighborhood. There are ongoing water issues at the construction at 27th and Woodlawn. The Catholic Diocese property has been sold and is zoned for 40 units. A mixed-use development with residences on the back is being considered. There needs to be ingress and egress onto 21st. Traffic calming devices will be needed on adjacent side streets.
- f. **Holiday Lights-**Tom said that Dec. 8 and 9 are the dates. We'll have one less carriage ride this year. We need volunteers for the event.

4. **Council member Burkley Allen** reported that the vote on the proposed MLS stadium is coming up. This will include a Community Benefits Agreement to insure local hiring and building. HWEN has supported this. A new building incentive has been implemented in Hillsboro Village, providing more allowable height in the back of the buildings that are kept the same in front.

5. New Business:

- a. We discussed recent issues using HUB Nashville due to communication problems between it and the Codes Department. We should contact the Sheriff's office if we need items picked up.
- b. The Night Against Crime is October 9. We decided to use List Serve and Facebook to advise neighbors about ways to combat crime such as locking car doors and turning on outside lights.
- c. Our annual meeting and election of our new board is Nov. 8. We discussed making this more of a social event, and less educational. We are in the process of finding a location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Crichton.