



HILLSBORO-WEST END NEIGHBORS

HWEN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3/06/17

Members Present: Martha Stinson, Mary Crichton, Phil Ryan, Lois Fleming, Paul Picelli, Tim Douglas, Ted Davis III, Linda Bengson, Susan Schipani, Jenny Cheng, Jim Redwine, Nora Liggett, Tom Cash, Mary Skinner, Miriam Mimms, Michael Morosi

1. **Welcome**-Martha called the meeting to order at 7:00.
2. Approve **minutes**
 - December 2016-Moved to approve with change of date to Dec. 5, was seconded and approved.
 - February 2017-We moved to approve, and it was seconded, and approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report**-A correction was noted in the report due to a typo error. The beginning and ending amount of the checking account was transposed. Lois questioned the use of \$833, currently earmarked for Fanny Maes Dees Park. There was discussion to move the funds to Save the Dragon. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. It will reduce checking and be added to Save the Dragon. There was further discussion to show donations of \$500 each to West End Middle and Eakin that did not show up in the report.
4. **Guest-Burkley Allen**
 - An upcoming meeting is scheduled with developers to discuss construction at 206 Fairfax. The company has applied to build mixed use office/residential next to The Continental. It will include a 21-unit apartment called Fairfax Flats.
 - The Orleans project has begun construction. There will be a meeting on March 28, at West End School library, to discuss the project.
 - Plans for the property on 21st Ave. South owned by the Catholic Diocese is uncertain now. A mixed-used development with office/retail/residential has been proposed. Burkley said that the Nashville Next plan included putting increased density along the corridors. Any new buildings on 21st Avenue will have to give up 23 feet of space facing the street.
 - Burkley said they are in the process of setting up meeting to talk about adding a crosswalk on 21st Avenue in Hillsboro Village as well as one between Linden Avenue and Beechwood. There is some concern that not all crosswalks ensure safety. Hillsboro Village merchants are concerned about losing parking places.
 - There is discussion of a bill coming through the City Council that will require all new construction to include sidewalks. She said that no action is needed now, but letters showing support of this bill may be needed later.
 - The Neighborhood Resource Center in Metro Center will be offering a series on housing affordability.
 - Putting a Roundabout at the Triangle has been proposed. Metro Public Works has agreed to study this option and to consider if there is enough space for it.





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- There are currently bills proposed in the State Legislature dealing with short-term rentals that would preempt the city's right to have its own zoning laws. We need to write letters to Representatives Brenda Gilmore and John Ray Clemmons in favor of keeping short-term rentals a local issue.
 - There are local bills at Metro Council level concerning short-term rentals. One calls for placing a 1-year or 3-year moratorium on Types 2 and 3 short-term rentals until enforcement has been clarified. Another bill calls for a Stop Work Order for short-term rental owners without permits. One bill would require a written agreement from a Home Owners Association to get a permit and another bill would require proof of agreement from neighbors.
5. **Beautification Committee** – Wesley was not present due to illness. Miriam reported:
- Earth Day is Saturday, 4/22. Goodwill will have a small item pick-up at Harris Hillman from 9 to 12, and a large-item at Eakin Elementary from 9 to 12.
 - Hands-on Nashville is planning a trash pick-up at Eakin School and the Dragon Park this spring.
 - She distributed a flyer on property, vehicle, and zoning violations, produced by the Property Standards Division of Metro Codes and Building Safety.
 - She also distributed a flyer about protecting ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer.
6. **Dragon Parade**-Phil reported on the Dragon Parade, scheduled for **Sunday, 5/21**. He passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Our budget includes \$1,000 for the Dragon Parade..
7. **Dragon Music Sundays** – No report because Chris was not present.
- Music Sundays are scheduled for the 4 consecutive Sundays during the following time period: 5/21-6/11.
8. **Save Our Dragon** – Jan wasn't present.
- Martha said that we've signed an agreement with Tony Novak – Thanks to Nora and Waller Lansden law firm for preparing the paperwork. Work has started. A recent problem has been dealing with possible water damage to the concrete.
 - The prospectus is close to being ready. We are at the point now that we're looking for printing services—either free or at a good cost. Martha has a meeting set up to discuss how we will recognize large donors. This is a critical piece. This is a public/private partnership, with the public part happening. The Park Department is a big contributor. The renovation should be finished within a year.
9. **Streets** – Jenny and Nora
- The Walking District is a pilot program. After 6 months it will be reevaluated. Traffic and Parking will vote based on feedback from the neighborhood and public officials. The Walking District is designated in 3 neighborhoods in Nashville. Burkley is working with the police department about enforcement issues. Signs are being designed. Amy Burch, a traffic engineer, will send us an email with typical sign dimensions and the type of print used. We need to double check that Metro Sign Shop has these colors
 - The Vanderbilt Shuttle-Nora reported there is concern over its speed. She said that she recently met with Mary Pat Teague, from Vanderbilt. Teague said she was going to look at different routes, frequency, and speed. We've had an agreement with Vanderbilt to





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waive the weight limit and will reach out to Teague after we've studied this agreement. Tom is concerned about the size of the shuttle and what seems to be an increased frequency.

- Nora said that representatives from Vanderbilt said that they plan to use existing parking space for new buildings. Members expressed concern that HWEN will be directly affected by overflow parking from Vanderbilt. Jenny added that because of this issue, we need to have a comprehensive plan to deal with this issue.

10. **Zoning & Codes** – Phil and Martha

- Phil reported that construction has begun on The Moxy at the corner of Belcourt and 20th Avenue. Hey Rooster will occupy the space of Book Woman and a coffee shop, run by Davis family, will be in the Book Man space. A meeting is scheduled March 7 about the Centennial Celebration in Hillsboro Village.
- Michael and Jim R. will be involved in Business Improvement District plan. Jim said he wants to put together a questionnaire for homeowners about their concerns about Hillsboro village. Mary Skinner said Hillsboro Village merchants are big supporters of newsletter ads and the carriage tours. She also suggested getting more merchants on West End involved.

11. **Communications** – Mary

- The spring newsletter deadline is Friday, 4/14. Mary said she has 150 extra current newsletters without the inserts. We'll distribute them on West End.
- The spring newsletters will be printed and ready for distribution by Friday, 4/28. These deadlines are important because of the number of big events coming up.

12. **New business**-Michael announced that Representative John Ray Clemmons will be at his house on March 11 to discuss state-wide issues.

13. **Adjournment**-The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Crichton

