



HWEN Minutes, September 10, 2018

Members Present: Jessica McDuffie-Massey, Bonnie Whitehouse, Mary Crichton, Nora Liggett, Susan Schipani, Ann Toplovich, Jan Bushing, Chris Carpenter, Tom Cash, Phil Ryan, Tom Grooms, Gill Murrey.

Guest: Councilmember Burkley Allen and Lisa Roiseman, the new editor of our newsletter.

1. The **August minutes** were read.

2. The **Treasurer's Report**, along with a statement of financial position, was distributed.

3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Save Our Dragon**-Jan reported that all is well. There were no updates to report.
 - b. **Beautification- Triangle damage**-Martha reported the accident to the police department, and she plans to contact our insurance company. The next step will be to plan on the repairs. Someone pointed out that we can get an outside company to water before the plumbing is fixed.
Tree Sale-Susan said that the Beautification committee has a meeting planned soon. There is some question about whether we want to change nurseries. Last year there were problems with delivery. Someone suggested increasing to price of the trees in order to make a profit. Another person suggested providing volunteers to plant trees.
Mutt mitts-Greg has installed mutt-mitt dispensers at 5 HWEN sign locations. Three of these have been adopted, and we need two more. Extra keys and refills are at Miriam's house.
 - c. **Communications- Newsletter**-We thanked Gill for her great work on the newsletter. Lisa said that the deadline for the next newsletter is Oct. 12, and it will be delivered Oct. 27 and 28. Its tentative content includes the carriage tours, the holiday decorating contest, the tree sale, Betty Nixon Award nominations, Good Hood Award nominations, mutt-mitts, the council member report, and a reminder to check street lights and report if they're out.
 - d. **Streets**- Nora reported that the Metro Public Works Dept. is considering traffic calming measures in the neighborhood. The following are specific projects that could be considered: a raised crosswalk at Blakemore and Natchez Trace, a 3-way stop at Acklen and 32 Avenue, and speed humps on Westwood Ave. Eakin parents have expressed concern about the danger of speeders. One idea is to provide flags in buckets for people to use as they cross streets.

VU shuttle-This continues to be an issue. There is a new liason at Vanderbilt who is over the shuttle. We plan to meet with him soon.

Someone reported that the bollard on Blair is missing. We will get it replaced.

e. Zoning and Codes-

The proposed building on Murphy Rd. at I-440-Allen said that it will have 16 floors. A proposed a new traffic light would allow it to have direct access to the interstate. A community meeting about the project is planned in the future.

The 21st Ave. Corridor Task Force is in the planning stages with input from HWEN and BHN neighbors and developers to develop an urban design that will be tackle traffic issues in order to make the area pedestrian friendly.

The Ruby's owner contacted Allen recently about extending the use of the property.

f. Holiday Lights-Tom said plans are underway. Costs are down this year with one less regal ride. More information will come later.

g. Tom discussed our getting involved in the Neighborhood Resource Center. He said that they don't advocate, but instead focus on community organizing and public health issues. Tom is on the committee of NRC about neighborhood planning. Let him know if you want to get involved or would like to know more about it.

4. Council Report:

The Catholic Diocese property has been sold and is zoned to build office space and 40 residences on the property.

5. New Business:

a. Listserve policies- We discussed how we want to report crime on Listserve. In a recent incident, a report was denied because of questionable language. Posted crimes should be those that are reported to police and within our and adjacent neighborhoods. Someone pointed out that when reports are denied, such as in the recent case, it would be helpful if there were an explanation. We will have more discussion about this later.

b. A proposal to donate \$100 to BHN for signage for the Eugene TeSelle Memorial Bridge was delayed because without a quorum, we couldn't vote. Tom said that we will vote on this via email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Crichton.

