



HILLSBORO-WEST END NEIGHBORS

HWEN Minutes 6/05/17

Members Present: Mary Crichton, Mary Skinner, Chris Talbott, Nora Liggett, Miriam Mimms, Jim Redwine, Martha Stinson, Jan Bushing, Phil Ryan, Tom Cash, Paul Picelli, Susan Schipani, Lois Fleming, Linda Bengson, Nancy Fullerton, Susan Schipani, Greg Asadourian, Gill Murrey, Mickey Panucci., Tom Grooms, Jenny Cheng

1. Martha welcomed board members and guests, Jonathan Harris and Rachel Mays. Burkley was not able to attend. Martha reminded members that there is no meeting in July. She will be hosting a party in July for members of the board of directors and some elected officials.
2. **May minutes** – A change will be made in regards to Fairfax Flats clarifying that the neighbors are appealing that it fronts on Fairfax Avenue, rather than West End Avenue. A motion was made to approve the minutes; it was seconded and all voted to approve.
3. **Treasurer's Report**-No changes were made to the report. Nothing to report.
4. **Zoning and Codes:**
 - a. Martha reported on a special meeting held immediately prior to the board meeting concerning the Historic Commission process pertaining to **Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADU)** and outbuildings. Four major issues were discussed. One is that accessory buildings will be treated the same, with or without occupants. In addition, dormers cannot take up more than 50% of the width of the roof. And there will be a 5-foot set-back if garage doors face the alley and a 3-foot set-back if doors face the front. If DADUs meet all of these criteria, they can be approved at the staff level. The board voted to support this process, with one dissenting vote. That dissenting vote was based on the lack of public notice involved in the staff approval process.
 - b. **Fairfax Flats**-Construction has begun. Neighbors are appealing the determination by the Zoning administrator Bill Herbert that the development fronts on Fairfax Avenue. We





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- voted to support that appeal last month and may be asked to show this support in future emails.
- c. **Catholic Diocese** – Britt Development Is still interested in building residential/commercial units on the property. Parking and traffic are issues as they try to get neighbors’ approval of the project. A traffic light and speed cushions have been discussed as ways to deal with these issues.
 - d. **Property on 27th Street and Woodlawn**-Discussion about 3 houses for sale on 27th Street, off of Woodlawn Ave. They are in the historic overlay district. A developer, Manuel Zeitlin, is buying them, and we’re not sure what he is planning. We may ask him to the next board meeting
5. **Dragon Parade and Ice Cream Social**- Phil reported that the forecast for inclement weather hurt attendance. We had a good number of people volunteering to be ice cream scoopers and safety marshals.
 6. **Dragon Music Sundays** – Chris said that we’ve had great weather despite the forecast. The weather forecast may have affected the light turnout.
 7. **Save Our Dragon** – Jan said QR codes are on posters so that people can donate easily. We will take to these to area merchants. We have the prospectus completed and are making appointments with donors. We need \$110,000 more to finish the project. We need a point person to organize our fundraising. We also need to find a way to let the community participate in the restoration. Volunteers want to come. We need to have a plan to use volunteers. Tony Novak could use some encouragement from neighbors. Mary S. said that Anderson Design has donated posters for large donors. They also have posters of the dragon. Could we put together an event to sell those posters and dragon shirts to support Save Our Dragon? We discussed a fundraising party in the Dragon Park during the eclipse. Could someone organize this? Rachel M. suggested finding a neighbor to organize this event.
 8. **Streets** – Nora said that the signs for the Walking District are ready. The program should be ready to implement in a couple of weeks. The Metro Police say they’ll help enforce it. We





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discussed the use of speed cushions to control traffic speed. The intersection at 25th Avenue and Ashwood is being studied.

9. **Hillsboro Village crosswalk**-The meeting on May 19 proposed plans and addressed its placement and markings. Should it be north of Belcourt or south of Belcourt? Burkley seems to think it would be better on the north side. Should there be a lot of markings? Good momentum on this project; not much for us to do now.
10. **Vanderbilt Shuttle**: At a recent meeting about the shuttle, VU reps gave reasons why the shuttle has to go through our neighborhood, and VU heard concerns from us about the shuttle. They said that there will be fewer dedicated shuttles. We'll just have to stay on this, noting its noise, frequency, and effect on the quality of life.
11. **Beautification Committee** – Martha complimented Miriam for the work on the Triangle. Miriam said hands off to Greg for mulching the trees. She passed around a sign-up sheet for watering the Triangle this summer.
12. **Special Events** – Linda said plans are underway for Holiday Lights. There is going to be an additional carriage. She suggests that we make these proceeds go to Save Our Dragon, which would help with publicity. A motion was made to give these proceeds to Save Our Dragon was made; it was seconded and approved.
13. **Communications/Summer newsletter** – Gill said that the deadline is July 14. The dues envelope will be included in this one.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Crichton.

