

Walnut Hill Homeowners Association (WHHA) Board Meeting – June 8, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

Attending: Bob Noyes, Taylor Denton, Erin Banna, Trey Montague, Barbara Stone, Pete Gonzales, Marla Hartsell, Michael Legacy, Susan Weil, Serena Hendryx and Peggy Cardillo

Members Absent: Chillon Joersz and Randy Griffin

Bob Noyes opened the meeting by asking attendees to approve the minutes from the April 26th meeting.

Taylor gave the Treasurer’s report that was copied to all Board Members.

Event Planning Committee Report

Serena was pleased that the July 4th parade has been canceled and was concerned that many Board Members will not be here for Labor Day. Serena is planning a “Meet and Greet” at parks or church parking lots, one every six weeks, one per neighborhood quadrant. Marla suggested Providence Church (northeast gathering), Church of Christ (northwest gathering), Episcopal School of Dallas [ESD] (southeast gathering), and Walnut Hill/Lover’s Lane United Methodist (southwest gathering). Marla has contacts at Providence and Bob has contacts at the other three locations. Tentative dates are July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, August 21st. Events will be publicized in flyers passed out by neighborhood block captains. The Board is hoping for better attendance than in past years. Barbara suggested gift card drawing at each gathering, and maybe raffle items for every attending child. Barbara also proposed that “July 4th games” be provided, and Peggy suggested kids could ride bikes or scooters.

Marla suggested in lieu of the small gatherings, one big event (e.g., on Merrill Road) like a big school carnival (with bounce house, water slide and food trucks), and would also include a WHHA information table. Serena suggested September 18th or 25th for this one big event but thinks the small quadrant gathers are better for neighbor interaction. Barbara offered that using Merrill Road for the big event is not a good idea. Marla suggested “Peter Pan Park” as a backup site. Michael proposed that Merrill Road from Rosser to Midway would be better (less houses on street). Bob will have to check with Ruth at ESD, the Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) and the city to see if one big event on Merrill Road is feasible. Time of 10:00 am. -2:00 pm. was most popular.

Surveys

Taylor reported that the “Survey Monkey” subscription has expired. He suggests a “pay as you go” approach going forward. Barbara will research “Constant Contact” as an alternative.

City Council - District 13

Ross Coulter, Bob and Marla would like to meet with new councilwoman Gay Donnell Willis to discuss school rezoning issue.

New Business

Dave Rogers (no rezone neighborhood coordinator) requested the WHHA contribute funds to:

- 1.) Hire a zoning consultant/attorney
- 2.) Purchase additional "No Rezone" yard signs
- 3.) Print flyers/petitions

Bob asked Dave by email how much he wanted the WHHA to contribute. Dave did not respond. Marla believes it will be \$2,000.00. So far, Marla indicated that finding a zoning consultant/attorney has been difficult. Taylor asked if other neighborhood associations were contributing. Marla said they are not. Most no rezone proponents live in Walnut Hills. There is no precedence for this type of contribution. Pete questioned the benefit of such a contribution to the neighborhood. Taylor opined that the WHHA should back the rezoning effort because per the bylaws one of the purposes of the WHHA is to keep development at a standstill. Pete asked that the Board vote. Members voted 10-1 to contribute. Erin reminded the Board that not all Walnut Hills residents support the no rezone effort.

Bob was questioned by a Walnut Hills resident as to why several Board members signed a letter endorsing Leland Burk for City Council. Bob advised that Burk's campaign collected all the addresses and paid for the postage. Marla advised it was Burk's idea to get some influential neighborhood residents to endorse him.

Future board meetings this summer will be virtual (via Zoom). Next meeting is July 20th.

Bob thanked Michael for providing the Zoom time and Barbara for the good job she did on the newsletter.

Erin and Bob asked Board members to re-read the WHHA bylaw changes and provide any comments.

Bob announced that Peggy will be stepping down as Secretary in October, and she will need to be replaced.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Cardillo

Secretary