

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Meeting Held via Zoom**

*Minutes will be officially approved at the next board meeting.

President's Welcome: President Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Tonight's meeting was held virtually through Zoom secondary to the COVID19 pandemic. Board attendees were as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Jim Hannon	X
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
John Stebbins	X
Jill Cooper	
Alcina Dalton	X
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	
Matthew Grabowski	X
Charles Hoke	X
Alfred Kallingal	
Sherry Perchik	X
Emily Richardson	X
Margaret Roberts	X
Rick Robbins	X
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	X
Stephen Weizenecker	X

Anna Sonoda, Chair of the Emergency Security Task force was also present.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Alva McGovern had previously emailed the proposed minutes for both the May Board meeting and the Emergency Security Board Meeting held in June. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and the Board so approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Stebbins reported a cash balance of \$72,592.02 as of July 31, 2021. Three additional members were added in June taking the 2021 membership to 291. The treasurer's report had previously been emailed to the Board Members for review. Expenditures were focused on Security and Beautification.

Mr. Stebbins also provided an update to the Board on the revocation of tax-exempt status and the inability to file the 2020 Form 990_EZ return. He worked with our CPA firm on the filing on an Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501©(4) of the Internal Revenue Code in May 2021. This application is pending, and a response is expected within 9 months from the IRS. Finally, Mr. Stebbins noted concerns regarding the services of our current CPA firm and may seek to make a change in this regard.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded. The Board approved the treasurer's report.

Security Committee:

Chair Alcina Dalton was not present during the Security report, thus Jim Hannon reported on the discussions with Office Hoos regarding our Patrol Officers' pay which is below the market. We currently have been paying \$38 per hour, which is below the Mt Paran and Northside Associations reported pay and well below that of Tuxedo Park. There was a motion and it was seconded to increase the hourly rate to \$45. The Board approved this pay increase.

Anna Sonoda reported on the actions of the Emergency Security Task Force whose membership included Mike Elting, Joanne Fitzhugh, and Alcina Dalton.

- The Task Force would like to engage the retail businesses in and immediately surrounding our neighborhood to join us in being proactive to curb crime not only for our benefit but for the benefit of their clientele as well. There was some discussion about indicating that business most active could be designated as 'Gold Star' businesses.
- The Task Force also recommends bringing other neighborhood associations into the conversation as well but not allowing those conversations to impede our Task Force from continuing to take actions.
- The Task Force had agreed to ask for a pay increase to our patrol, which the Board approved prior to this report.
- It was agreed that along with the pay raise, a set of expectation clarifying their duties while on patrol should be reviewed. Examples of this might

include, surveying all streets during a shift, visiting the out-of-town homes on every shift, and listening to the police radio.

- A security-tracking app is also a possible option.
- It was suggested there may be times at which 2 patrolmen are needed.
- The purchase price of a police car would be \$45,000. It was agreed that at present, we would continue to increase our Officers' presence with more patrol hours.

Membership Committee:

Chairman Alfred Kallingal was not present at the meeting. Committee member Meredith Shaughnessy gave the report noting that membership is near an all time high. The committee continues to look at ideas to increase membership, especially ideas to drive engagement with neighbors to encourage a more cohesive neighborhood feel. They are also considering ways to more quickly reach new neighbors moving into the neighborhood.

Zoning & Traffic Committee:

Chairwoman Sherry Perchik gave the report.

- There seems to be no further interest in the Howell Mill/Northside Parkway development.
- After learning of the stream on the proposed subdivision property, the Dakota subdivision has gone quiet although the possibility that Macallan Homes will alter their plans.
- Recently a food truck has appeared in front of the Wells Fargo Bank. It is not known who owns the property and whether or not the food truck has been permitted to operate in our area. Further investigation is required.

Beautification Committee:

Tom Frolik, Chair of the Beautification Committee was not present at the meeting. There was no update from Beautification.

Communications Committee:

Committee Chair, Teresa Shell was not present at the meeting. There was no update from Communications.

New Business:

The next WPNA Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. It is likely to be a Zoom meeting due to the Delta Variant of COVID19.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Alva McGovern, Secretary

