

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE WPNA BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, November 14, 2023
Meeting Held at St. Luke's Church and via Zoom

President's Welcome: President Mr. Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:04PM. Board attendees were as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Jim Hannon	X
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
Garrett Fulton	X
Sara Asher	
Sam Beydoun	
Rich Cockrell	X
Cia Cummings	X(Zoom)
Alcina Dalton	X
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	
Henry Feinstein	
Tom Flournoy	X(Zoom)
Stefan Hayes	
Paul Huesken	X(Zoom)
Bobby Lichtenstein	
Cartha O'Hare	
Sherry Perchik	X(Zoom)
Emily Richardson	
Teresa Shell	
Meredith Shaughnessy	X

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Ms. Alva McGovern previously emailed the Minutes of the October 2023 meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mr. Garrett Fulton gave the report. There was no new revenue. Security expenses for the month were \$5,962. Total membership remains at 287. Cash balance is \$95,502.85.

Mr. Fulton reported that he had compared processing fees with Zelle and various credit card companies. Truist (where the Board banks) has a Zelle fee of 1% on transfers with a cap at \$15 per transaction. This is considerably cheaper than the fees with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover which are 2.295% + \$0.20 or AMEX fees which are 3.75% + \$0.20. It was agreed that offering Zelle might result in considerable processing fee savings and Mr. Fulton will set up an email address to use for the Zelle transfers. He noted that 82% of the members use credit cards while 18% write checks which have no processing fee. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Committee:

Chairperson Ms. Meredith Shaughnessy gave the report. She stated that her committee is discussing ways to attract new members. They will create a card to be given to new members that could be a handy reference as well as reminding members to call 911 in an emergency. It is recommended that the website be updated regarding joining as well as the options for payment. Ms. Shaughnessy will order new stickers for the mailboxes as well as new membership drive signs.

A discussion ensued regarding the new member discount. It was noted that at least two nearby neighborhoods do not offer new member discounts. It was also noted that because last year no early discount was offered, many members joined later. It was agreed to offer the early discount this year to encourage members to pay early.

The following fees were recommended:

Returning Members:

\$325 for joining before the end of 2023

\$375 for joining after January 1, 2024

New Members:

\$250 for joining before the end of 2023

\$300 for joining after January 1, 2024

There was a motion to approve the above recommended fees. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Security:

Chairperson Ms. Alcina Dalton was present and gave the report. She reported that a resident who lives on Pine Meadow had repeatedly threatened and taunted homeowners living nearby. The APD was called, and Officer Hoos was able to arrest the offender who was released the next day on bail. Anyone who feels threatened should call 911 and tell the operator they feel threatened as this will result in an APD officer coming ASAP.

In another incident, a homeless woman with a grocery cart was found on a resident's front porch when the homeowner returned home. After the homeowner talked with the homeless lady, she left the premises. APD suggested that anyone may contact Homeless Outreach Prevention, run by Officer Walker, at 770-553-2229.

In a final incident, a computer was stolen from a locked car after a brick was thrown through the car window. The computer was later recovered on Rembrandt as it was apparently encrypted. Regardless, homeowners should always **Lock your Car, Lock your Home** and **solicitation is not allowed** in our neighborhood.

Zoning and Traffic:

Chairperson Mr. Rip Black reported there was no new news.

New Business:

Mr. Steve Dickson reminded all Board members to advise him as to whether they plan to serve on the Board again next year if you have not already done so. He also requests any suggestions for new members by January 1.

Mr. Hannon stated that Pace allowed us an additional 30 days to respond to their proposal. This deadline would end on December 11 at 5 PM. He recommended the Board meet on December 5 at 7PM to discuss our response, depending on availability of the room at St Luke's.

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

Alva McGovern,
WPNA Secretary

