

WBNA Board Meeting by Zoom December 16, 2020

President Dave Holland called the meeting to order.

Members participating: Dave Holland, Elizabeth Zeiglmeier, Jaclyn Lanae, Pat Roseland, Larry Beezley, and Joy Rehfeld.

Election: Pat Roseland reported that he has received 14 ballots from the membership, all of which voted for the nine candidates slated. The new WBNA Board members for 2020-2021 are: Jeanette Deurloo, Rose DuBois, Eirik Heikes, Dave Holland, Jaclyn Lanae, Joy Rehfeld, Pat Roseland, John Wilmes, and Elizabeth Zieglmeier.

Festival: Sharissa will check with vendors to see if other events are going ahead. She will report back to the board at the January meeting.

Financial Decisions: Dave suggested that during these strange COVID times when we can't meet in person, the board may make financial decisions by email with the conditions that a quorum (five or more) is voting, and the vote is unanimous. Should any member request more information or discussion, final vote on an allocation can be tabled until a later time. The names of out-going president Patrick Roseland, out-going treasurer Eirick Heikes, and previous festival director Helen Jane Holeton will be removed from all WBNA financial accounts. The names of current president David Holland and current treasurer John Wilmes will be added to all WBNA financial accounts. Festival director Sharissa Hermanson's name will remain on the WBNA checking account.

Donation of \$1000 toward arson fund: The City, West Park Apartments, and Rushmore Rd Group have donated \$2500 toward a reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of those responsible for setting fires in the West Blvd area. The Board voted unanimously to donate \$1000 from the WBNA, raising the reward fund to \$3500. Should the fund go unawarded, WBNA will retain its \$1000. The \$1000 donated by West Park Apartments will also go into the WBNA coffers. Discussion ensued about encouraging individual donations for this or other neighborhood projects.

Communications: We discussed utilizing our Facebook page and the WBNA website to disseminate information as well as a means to collect donations and pay dues. Dave suggested updating the application form to allow members to choose their preferred method of contact – email or snail mail. There is also a possibility of creating a

text message group.

WBNA website: The website license has expired. The Board voted unanimously to allocate \$225 to reinstate it. Jaclyn Lanae volunteered to work on updating the website and setting up Pay Pal or Venmo account to accept donations and collect membership dues.

Newsletter: Elizabeth Zieglmeier suggested publishing a Newsletter as to what's going on in the neighborhood. WBNA published a quarterly newsletter in the past, but it's been several years.

Re-instate WBNA 501-c4 non-profit status: WBNA lost its non-profit status several years ago. The Board voted unanimously to allocate \$275 to reinstate status, which will allow donations to be tax exempt.

Neighborhood security: Pat received an email from Ritchie Nordstrom (city council member). A police officer wants to talk to WBNA about security cameras. Ritchie said there is a possibility for a grant. Pat will look into the logistics/legality, etc.

WBNA Projects: Various project ideas such as replacement of historic lights, security cameras on West Blvd and a sidewalk repair fund were discussed for future consideration.

Historic street lights: The City installed a sample of the new light fixture at the SE corner of Fairview St and W Blvd. Residents are encouraged to check it out and report what they think. David Holland and Eirik Heikes will look into grant funding for the new lights. Contact Diane Knutson of from the Dark-sky association for ideas and possible funding.

The next WBNA meeting will be set for January or February, specifics of time and mode to be determined. Respectfully submitted by Joy Rehfeld.