

WBNA Membership Meeting

March 15, 2022

Dave Holland called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were: Dave Holland, Jeanette Deurloo, Joy Rehfeld, Patrick Roseland, and Elizabeth Zieglmeier, constituting a quorum.

The agenda and February minutes were approved.

WBNA SUMMER FESTIVAL: Sharissa

Sharissa reported that the city application has been approved. To date, she has received 15 vendor applications, a few verbal confirmations, and expects many more applications to arrive in the next couple weeks, as the cost per space will increase April 1. Elizabeth has been helping with sponsorships; there is one so far for \$250. Holly is helping find entertainment, fliers are nearly ready, security will cost slightly more, and portable toilets are confirmed at same cost. Sharissa has made contacts to secure food vendors.

As Sharissa writes several checks in the course of her Festival duties, she has requested a debit card to simplify this process. Pat moved that WBNA get a Debit Card for the Festival Checking Account, seconded by Elizabeth, and passed unanimously.

SECURITY: Chris Holbrook

Cpt Holbrook reported that there has been little police activity to report in the WB neighborhood in the last month.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION: Dave and Pat

Dave has tentatively scheduled a Candidate Forum for May 17 in which all those running for office can meet the public, give a short spiel and answer questions. Dave suggested that we form a committee tasked with setting up the forum and working out the details. The location and time of the Candidate Forum will be decided and announced to the membership via email.

FOREST HILLS DRIVE UPDATE: Dave

The city has rezoned a lot on Forest Drive which allows the lot to be split into two lots with houses on each. This will block access to the trail system to the Skyline Dr Wilderness Trail system. Elizabeth has met with them and volunteered to serve on the Skyline Dr Preservation Board. Dave also suggested that the Skyline wilderness issue be a topic for a future WBNA Forum meeting as an opportunity to open the discussion and educate the neighborhood on issues that affect us.

12th STREET CONSTRUCTION: Dave

Dave reports the next phase will be on 12th St from Kansas City to Columbus streets will be going on in the next few months.

BOARD MEETING VS. TOPIC FORUMS: Dave

Dave proposed that every other month WBNA meetings be dedicated to Forum topics that are relevant to the neighborhood. He made a list of Forum Topics to include: Skyline Wilderness, Wilson School, Historic Preservation, Selling a historic home, Wilson Park Renovations, Neighborhood watch / security. He asked that we prioritize these and suggest additional topics. Sharissa suggested Cathie Draine on gardening. Dave proposed that the Skyline Wilderness topic be first.

BOARD MEMBER TERMS: Dave

The membership voted to change the WBNA Bylaws to state that Board terms be increased from one year to two years, with half of the board expiring on even years and the other half expiring on odd years. The vote requires a 2/3 majority of the members attending the meeting. All members in attendance were in good standing, and the vote was unanimous to amend the WBNA Bylaws.

WBNA BOARD ELECTION: Pat

Candidates: President – Dave Holland, Vice President – Jeanette Deurloo, Treasurer – John Wilmes, Secretary – open. Board of directors – Elizabeth Zieglmeier, Jake Mordhorst, Angela Mordhorst, Matt James, Jan Dierich, Wade Lampert, and Holly Lemay.

Current Board members running for an additional term if elected, will serve one year. The newly elected board members will serve two years.

All members present introduced themselves and gave a little information about themselves, their interest in the WBNA, and their length of time as residents in the WB area.

Pat and Joy passed out ballots. Members could vote for up to nine.

Pat and Joy tallied the votes, and the 2022 WBNA Board is: Dave Holland, Jeanette Deurloo, John Wilmes, Elizabeth Zieglmeier, Jake Mordhorst, Matt James, Jan Dietrich, Wade Lampert, and Holly Lemay.

NEWSLETTER: Elizabeth

Elizabeth has been working on the next issue alone. She's working on a piece about health care in the neighborhood and the Skyline wilderness area. She'd like ideas for a non-profit charitable organization in the city for the spring issue. She's looking for interested members to serve on a committee to help her. Sharissa volunteered to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Rehfeld.