

# WBNA Membership Meeting

April 19, 2022

Dave Holland called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Board members present were: David Holland, Jeanette Deurloo, Jan Dietrich, Matt James, Wade Lampert, Holly Lemay, and Jake Mordhorst, constituting a quorum.

The agenda and March minutes were approved.

## **SECURITY:** Chris Holbrook

Cpt Holbrook reported that there has been little police activity to report in the WB neighborhood in the last month. There were 60 calls for service. Many have been along Skyline Drive for people in the park after hours. Officer Holbrook has requested the speed trailer to be parked along West Boulevard periodically. The trailer will collect data on the number of cars and their speed. It will also display the speed of cars passing by. David had requested the trailer be used on a trial basis. Many in attendance agreed it was a good idea.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:** David (from John Wilmes)

John prepared a treasurers report thru April 18, 2022. The report was distributed to board members. Cash balance as of December 31, 2021 was 25,466.20 and as of April 18, 2022 was 28,617.91. Matt asked what the primary source of revenue was. David reported that would be the summer festival.

## **WBNA SUMMER FESTIVAL:** Sharissa

Sharissa reported that to date, she has received 41 vendor applications, a few verbal confirmations, and expects many more applications. Elizabeth has been helping with sponsorships; there is so far a total of \$850. Booth spaces cost \$125 now or \$150 after May 1. Total received for booth spaces so far is \$4,788.28. Oakley from Hot 93.1 will be the emcee. Holly is helping find entertainment; confirmed so far are the Suzuki Strings and BH cloggers on Saturday and Holly and Katie on Sunday. The New Horizon band is not able to play. Security and portable toilets are confirmed.

Wade and Matt asked how sponsorships work. Sharissa said they can give any amount. Their logo is not printed on the main flyer but is on follow up flyers and mentioned by the emcee during the festival. Most donors give \$200 - \$250.

Food vendor goal is 5. Three are confirmed now: The switch, KZ's backyard BarBQ and Ohh! Crepe. Two food trucks are allowed. Food vendor fee is \$175 or \$150 without power (food trucks).

Matt asked about horse drawn wagon tours. \$5 tour of historic houses in the neighborhood. Pat said the guy who used to do it has passed away. Jan Gustin and Pat have leads on horse and wagon owners. Tour books are available at the hospitality tent.

### **CANDIDATE FORUM:** Dave

Dave had tentatively scheduled a Candidate Forum for May 17 for the June 7 election. Dave made calls and found that Elevate Rapid City is already planning a city council candidate forum for May 17 at 18 E Main St; a statewide election forum May 11 at the Hilton Garden Inn; a county commission and sheriff forum at West Dakota Tech for May 19 and school board TBD. Elevate RC was not receptive to combining efforts with WBNA.

Dave also talked to Mary Parker of the North Rapid Civic Association who had hosted the candidate forum for decades, often in collaboration with the convention and visitors bureau. They had used WDT, school gymnasiums and the Minneluzahan senior center as venues and had local radio help advertise.

Dave checked out venues. The Minneluzahan senior center would welcome the forum, likely at no cost, has a sound system and is located nearby the civic center. Hay Camp also has a space for \$300.

Dave suggested either 1) encouraging our members to attend the Elevate RC forum or 2) holding a small forum for only the ward 5 city council candidates (our area does not have a school board candidate up for election). Dave would like 2-3 members to commit to organizing the meet and greet if it is approved. A lengthy discussion ensued. Most liked the idea of having an informal meet and greet opportunity to get to know the ward 5 candidates better. Matt said that it's unfortunate that Elevate RC wasn't more receptive to partnering with local organizations. Wade said that we could hold a meet and greet and still support the Elevate RC event.

Jeanette motioned to explore the possibility of having a meet and greet event in a location that is central to ward 5. Holly second. Votes in favor: Jeanette, Jan, Wade, Holly and Jake. Votes against: Matt and David. Motion passed. Dave asked for volunteers to coordinate the meet and greet. Jeanette volunteered. Dave will follow up with Jeanette to gather information and communicate via email with the board. The time is short and we also need to figure out what to do with our next meeting since it conflicts with the Elevate RC event on the same day. Details to follow by email.

### **12<sup>th</sup> STREET CONSTRUCTION:** Dave

Dave reviewed the City's plan to cut 22 trees down, walked the neighborhood and discussed the plans with some of the affected residents. We identified 7 trees that we thought could be saved. However, the City decided to proceed with their plan to remove all of the trees anyway. The City believes that any excavation within 8 feet of a tree would kill it.

### **TOPIC FORUMS:** Dave

WBNA board meetings will be held June 21 and August 16. Public forums will be held May 17 for a candidate meet and greet, July 19 for Skyline Wilderness and September 20 for Wilson School.

### **WBNA Secretary:** Dave

We do not yet have a secretary. John has agreed to handle membership and mail duties. We just need someone to take meeting minutes. Dave asked for a volunteer and there were none. Dave will keep meeting minutes in the interim.

**WILSON PARK:** Dave

The spring planting event will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. RC Parks and Recreation will provide the flowers. Volunteers need only bring gloves, a small garden shovel and water.

**WEST BOULEVARD MEDIAN FACILITIES FOR WALKERS:** - Dave

A few of our neighborhood members have requested a bench and doggy poo stations be added to the center median of the boulevard. They would like a bench to rest during their walk. They would like doggy poo stations to cut down on the amount of doggy poo that ends up in yards of our residents. Wade volunteered to discuss the possibility of a bench and doggy poo stations be added to the median. Wade will report back at our next meeting.

**NEWSLETTER:** Elizabeth

Elizabeth has been working on the next issue. She's looking for interested members to serve on a committee to help her. Publication dates are planned for May 1, August 1 and November 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by David Holland.