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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
of the
WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

March 11, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Alicia Ashman Public Library
Large Conference Room

Present: John Pinto (President), Katherine Bidwell (Vice President), Eric Lewandowski (Secretary), Susan Ames (ACC Chair), Liz Fenster, Diane Littman

Absent: Karen Kollath (Treasurer), Gabe Anibas (Greenways Chair) Birgitta Larson Gamez,

Convening of Meeting J. Pinto opened the meeting at 12:07

Secretary's Report E. Lewandowski determined that a Quorum was present. Lewandowski asked Board review and approval of the November 21, 2016 and January 9, 2017 minutes, previously unavailable. Pinto ruled that minutes of meetings drafted prior to appointment of a new Board are not eligible for approval. Lewandowski then asked that they be acknowledged as having been submitted and added to the WGHA archive without approval. Pinto ruled this to be in order. Lewandowski then distributed information copies of these previously drafted minutes to those members present who requested them. Lewandowski then asked for review and approval of the February 9 minutes, which were unanimously approved without changes.

REPORTS

President's Report J. Pinto stated that in light of Karen Kollath's absence, no Treasurer's report was available, and that in future, whenever possible, information normally found in such reports be supplied to him in advance by Board members who cannot attend.

He then gave a brief background history of the WGHA, and stated that: (1) the WGHA Board of Directors exists to serve the security and upkeep of the neighborhood and would not be politically-oriented, (2) the WGHA Board acts as a whole, and consequently (3) no Board member could or should unilaterally take a position that could be implicitly or explicitly seen as representing the Walnut Grove Board or Membership.

Greenways Committee J. Pinto noted G. Anibas' excused absence and introduced an e-mail that Gabe had sent to him on March 10, copy attached, with no extraordinary issues to report.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's absence noted, as per above, and tabled.

ACC Report S. Ames noted that she still requires information from Mark Schmitt pertaining to ACC operations. [E. Lewandowski interposed that similar information pertaining to WGHA history, including a run of secretarial minutes also may be in Mark's possession. J. Pinto said

that he would contact Mark about these materials.] Susan then summarized a written report, copy attached, noting the following:

(1) she had held a meeting with Derek Pavelec and Patrick Delaney on March 1, at which they expressed interest in continuing to serve the WGHA on an ad hoc basis; (2) she presented the results of communications she had held with Matt & Athanasia Schneider, 22 Greenhaven Circle, details included in the attached report, and (3) she noted a series of communications over an issue she settled with City Planning over property erroneously identified as within Walnut Grove.

Communications, Block Captains & Social Committees A general discussion then ensued over the nature and operation of these areas. Following lengthy deliberation, L. Fenster moved, and K. Bidwell seconded, that activities in these three functional areas be handled in future through a “team-based approach,” in which L. Fenster, B. Larson-Gamez and D. Littman would act in tandem, along with any others on and off the Board who may be interested in/able to contribute to their realization. To streamline Board reporting and retain a semblance of historical continuity, however, each of the three areas above would continue to be identified publicly by an individual Board member, serving as a “single point of contact”: L. Fenster (Block Captains), B. Larson-Gamez (Communications) and D. Littman (Social). K. Bidwell offered to serve as a “floating” resource. Motion passed unanimously.

These Board members then registered their intention to communicate with one another outside the regular Board meeting setting with respect to more specific ways of coordinating activities, specifically including the range of on- and off-line communications (e.g., the WGHA website, social media, newsletter, Block Captains’ duties, calendar of socials, etc.) The Board then generally agreed that two specific areas of activity would be targeted for near term attention: (1) the timely transfer of ownership/authority over the Website from Tina Hogel and resumption of direct control by the Board, and (2) review and recommendation of ways to adequately reach the Membership through hardcopy (specifically, the Newsletter and an updated Directory) as well as electronic media.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Pinto noted the desirability of holding monthly Board meetings at a regular time and place for the indefinite future and, following brief discussion, directed that such meetings be held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30p.m. K. Bidwell offered, and S. Ames seconded the proposition that the next regular Board meeting be held on Saturday, April 8 at Stark Realty. Once these arrangements could be confirmed, Pinto directed that the meeting be posted on the Website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted online for Board review by Secretary E. Lewandowski on March 26, 2017