

Wells Park Neighborhood Association

Tuesday March 14, 2017 • 6:30 PM

Wells Park Community Center 5th and Mountain

Present: Mark Horst (President), Doreen McKnight (Vice President), Becky Anaya (Treasurer), Robert Nelson (Secretary), Bianca Encinias (Board), Edwina Kiro (Board), David Cudney (Board), Martha Heard (Board), Susie Rodriguez (Board), Mike Prando (Board), Jerry Miller (Board), Caroline Persson-Reeves (Resident), Lee Amador (Resident), Catherine Mexal (Resident), Elena Gonzales (Home Start), Ari Posner (Resident), Sheila Murphy (Resident), Ginna Sterpka (Resident), Ricardo Guillermo (Resident), Matthew Maez (Resident), Sarah St. John (Resident), Diane Dolan (Councilor Benton), Jocelyn Martinez (Resident), Evan Martinez (Resident), Sgt. Nicholas Sanders (APD), Jerry Alcone (Resident), Lorna Bloomberg (Resident), Theresa Palmer (Resident), Diane Bloomberg (Resident)

Agenda

Adjourn 6:30pm

Introductions Occur

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda with amendments, Jerry Miller, 2nd Doreen McKnight
- Motion Passed

Approve Minutes

- Motion to approve February 2017 Minutes, Doreen McKnight, 2nd Mike Prando
- Motion Passed

Police Report

Nicholas Sanders reported:

- If there are questions about PACT, please email him (distributed cards)
- No major concerns in the area
- 3 auto burglaries
- 1 commercial burglary

Walker Property

- Mark read letter from last month
- Diane Dolan reported:
 - Councilor Benton has put the park idea on a list of projects for capital budgets
 - State most likely will not be able to help with capital
 - City Parks Director supportive of the idea
 - Councilor Benton wouldn't take a position on property getting rezoned
 - Owner of property wants it to be sold for commercial zoning, but it is currently zoned at residential
 - If neighborhood decided to give money, they would have to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding with the City
 - With the provision that if the money were not spent, then it would be given back to Wells Park Neighborhood Association
 - Money can be paid at the closing of the purchase of the property
- Questions/Comments
 - Seems like a park is the best chance for a project
 - Dual facility center outside of park is a possible option
 - Swimming pool has massive price tag

- Motion to bring the re-introduce Mark's previous motion from February, Jerry Miller, 2nd Doreen McKnight
- Motion Passes
 - Discussion:
 - Support for neighborhood to vote for supporting the purchase or not at Annual Meeting on 3/27/17
 - Motion for WPNA to ask neighborhood to vote at Annual Meeting on 3/27/17 on contributing to the purchase of the Walker Property (not to exceed \$50k), Mark Horst, 2nd Doreen McKnight
 - Motion Passes

Annual Meeting

- Flier -- Doreen reported:
 - Mike got a quote from Minuteman Express that was little more cost effective
 - Motion to Approve funds to pay Minuteman Express for postcards and mailing up to \$600 and to pay Ginny Sterpka \$100 for her design of the postcard, Doreen McKnight, 2nd Jerry Miller
 - Motion Passes
- Nominations Committee -- Jerry Miller reported:
 - There will be five openings this year:
 - David Cudney, Martha Heard, Doreen McKnight, Becky Anaya and Susie Rodriguez are all up for re-election. All are certain of running again for re-election, except for Susie, who says she's thinking about it
 - Anyone can run from the neighborhood
 - Jerry will create ballots
 - Mike Prando, Jerry and Bianca Encinias will count ballots at the Annual Meeting
 - All interested candidates can contact through the Wells Park email or call Mike Prando
- Food -- David Cudney reported:
 - Motion to spend up to \$300 for food at the Annual Meeting, Susie Rodriguez, 2nd Bianca Encinias
 - Motion Passes
- Mark will add Walker Property vote to his portion of the President's report during the agenda

Tree Planting Committee

- Doreen McKnight reported:
 - Tree NM selected Los Tomases as the street for the donated trees
 - A giveaway will occur at the Annual Meeting and will be first come first serve
 - Committee will be canvassing this upcoming Saturday along Los Tomases
 - There will be a small tree giveaway the Saturday after the Annual Meeting

Inviting Mayoral Candidates to Wells Park Meetings

- Discussion included:
 - Historically, Wells Park has not invited potential candidates to speak
 - There is an event on March 21 at 5:30pm where all the candidates will speak
 - If a candidate wants to attend the meeting, we'll welcome them, but won't invite

Pocket of Poverty

- Housing and Neighborhood Economic Development Fund (HNEDF) Committee looking for volunteers
- Once committee is appointed, hopefully within the next 3-6 months, the city will hire consultants to work with community members and various stakeholders on the plan for the remaining funds

Zoning Committee

- Robert suggests getting a post office box for zoning mailings
- Suggestion is tabled until April meeting

Public Comment

- Evan Martinez -- letting neighbors know that he is with Edward Jones and if anyone is interested in financial planning for their future, he and his wife, Jocelyn are available
- Ginny Sterpka -- question -- will we have an interactive activity for the meet and greet portion of the Annual Meeting?
 - Robert Nelson -- we can work on having one if Ginny is interested
- Catherine Mexal -- Can the tree committee meet for about two minutes after this meeting?
- David Cudney -- sculpture contract has been signed and the artist is ready to install

Motion to Adjourn, Jerry Miller, 2nd Doreen Mcknight

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Next Meeting:

Annual Meeting on March 27, 2017 at Wells Park Community Center