

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

## JUNE 21, 2004

AL ARNOLD PRESIDING FOR JEFF HOEPPNER

Treasurer's Report:	Membership: 54	Attendance: 32
Checking (Tower): \$2,187.93	Individual: 26	Start Time: 7:03
Money Market (Tower ): \$232.65	Family: 20	End Time: 8:51
Edward Jones: \$22,272.92	Business: 8	
Escrow: \$10,000.00		
Total: \$34,693.50		

Items	Discussion	Follow-up Needed
Old Business		
Minutes Approved		
Treasurer's Report	The current Wells Fargo Escrow account will be maintained at \$10,000 for the streetlights on Washington. Approximately \$7780 will be paid out of the Edward Jones Account to cover the Jefferson lights by the end of this week. Ken Nicolette suggested we do it this way.	Mary Modejewski will arrange for the fund transfer.
TRF Trolley Tours	Helen Pyles reported that TRF Trolley Tours will again take place on Wednesday July 14. Jill Downs, Mary Modezjewski, Helen Pyles, Ann Herman, Barbara Coddling and David Trott will Narrate the tours.	Script is Done. Jill assign times.
TRF Parade	Jane Surbeck and Kathleen Alter attended to tell the neighborhood why the TRF parade route was changed. They noted that the new route was used in an emergency last year but worked better than the old route. It allows for more and bigger floats and better pacing. This means the festival earns more. It was noted that in the past, larger units joined the parade at Van Buren. Several people noted that TRF did not discuss this openly with the community and has been unresponsive to our concerns. West Central is about preserving history and the historic route has allowed a huge attendance along the blocks from Theme to Van Buren on Wayne. West Central considers the hassle of hosting the parade worth the clean-up and parking problems. Councilman Tom Hayhurst noted that WCNA is the gold standard for neighborhood associations. The TRF is symbolic of the city and should be fostering neighborhood and community, not making decisions without city and neighborhood input. Tom would like to see the problem worked out. Councilman Tim Pape noted that the rout was changed last year in just a weeks time. There is plenty of time to change now with the festival 3 weeks away. The neighborhood deserved a community decision not just a board decree. TRF Board is not being responsive. Tom and Tim suggesting attending tomorrows council meeting and voicing our concerns. Guests were thanked for their time and input.	Pursue other options to restore the parade.

Neighborhood Plan	Carol Salge presented the changes in wording to the neighborhood plan which were made as a result of public comments from last month's presentation of the plan. Those changes are appended to these minutes. Brief comments were mostly positive.	
Plan Approval	Brian Stockman moved and Mary Radawski seconded the following motion for Plan Adoption: We, the West Central Neighborhood Association agree to adopt the presented goals and policies as the official plan for the West Central Neighborhood. We, the West Central Neighborhood Association agree that the West Central Plan be presented to the Fort Wayne Plan Commission by the Fort Wayne Planning Department staff to request consideration as an amendment to the Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan.	Motion passed 19 ayes, 1 nay.
House and Garden Tour	Norma Hoepfner reported that tour is coming together. More whole houses and gardens would still be welcome. Meetings are now bi-weekly.	Continue, volunteers needed
501(c)(3)	Mary Modezjewski reported that the Executive Committee and several other member met with Pat Opper to review the reasons for setting up a 501(c)(3) and what is required of us. Everyone present now has a clearer understanding of what is required and plans are moving forward. Bylaws need to be finished.	Continue with bylaws.
Parks Committee	The next work date is Saturday, June 26 from 8:30- noon. Work will probably be in the Janecke Gardens area in spite of recent flooding.	Call Mary Modezjewski to volunteer.
Updates from Jill Downs	The Firestone Building is for sale for \$470,000. She is pursuing listing on an Historic Building real estate list. 1336 West Washington appears to be solved without our involvement. We can get a CBDG for a Bridge Study in Swinney Park. West Central would have to fund \$10,000 up front and be reimbursed .	Follow up as needed.
New Business		
Fundraising	We need to raise more funds with the House and Garden Tour as well as find other ways to raise cash. Tour sponsorships are one way we can help with the bottom line. Several people mentioned other possible fundraising ideas. Judy Cole, Barbara Coddling, Alice, Jody Smith and Mary Radawski will form a committee to look into future fundraising ideas.	
Council Representatives	Tim Pape reminded us that Fort Wayne partially funds TRF and as such council has some leverage. He and Tom Hayhurst along with the three at-large reps are a majority on Council. West Central can go to the City Council for help concerning TRF. There will be public comment after tomorrows meeting with possible media attention. Call Council Research at 427-1445 and the City Clerk at 427-1221 for times and help.	Action attendance June 22.

Bylaws	Judy Cole spoke against the bylaw restriction that requires attendance at 3 meetings before voting. A lively discussion ensued, with people noting the tendency to pack the house for a vote and then stop attending. One possible solution is to require extra readings for important votes. Many members prefer commitment to WCNA before voting.	Bylaws discussion to continue
Parking Problems	Mike Anderson asked for our attention to the problem of parking near St. Joe Hospital. Tom Hayhurst is willing to work with our representatives to help get this ongoing problem solved. Mike, Eric Heffley and Brian Stockman agreed to work on this with the possible addition of Tom DeLong when he returns from out of town.	Committee to get on this.
Alley Repair	Cindy and Jill salvaged some bricks from the alley near Union between Berry and Main. Brick paving there could not be repaired.	Thanks Jill and Cindy
Zoning issues	1205 Taylor rezoning for a business. Not in our neighborhood. No action. 820 W Jefferson. Keith Brandtmiller wants to add a second story to an existing first story addition on this property. There were no problems foreseen with this request which will improve the property.	Monitor
Resolution to Council for TRF Parade	Jack Stark and Glenn Ellenberger presented a resolution for the City Council. West Central Neighborhood Association requests that the Three Rivers Festival Parade be restored to its former route along West Wayne starting at Thieme Drive. West Central Neighborhood Association does not support activities leading to boycotts of any businesses sponsoring the Three Rivers Festival Parade.	Passed with one dissenting vote
Al Arnold	Al is moving and has presented his resignation from the office of Vice President to the Secretary of WCNA.	The Association thanks Al for his service and regrets his resignation from the board.
Adjournment	By consensus	