

West Central Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2019, 7:00pm

Call To Order – 7:04pm, 28 attendees

Old Business

- TV & Tire Day
 - Happened last Saturday
 - They picked up nearly 100 items total
- WCNA Sidewalk Program
 - The city will pay 50% of the cost to replace your sidewalk
 - WCNA will pick up another 50%, up to \$1,500
 - The residents potentially only have to pay 25% of the total cost
 - How does the city handle sidewalks where the tree is encroaching?
 - Joe Francis said the city tends to encourage removing trees, but can be convinced with persistence
 - There have been a few cases where they put it around the tree
 - If the tree is removed, we encourage homeowners to replace it
 - How does the money flow work with WCNA and the city?
 - After the work is done, the resident submits the bill to Joe
 - Joe will go out and make sure the work was actually done
 - Joe will notify the Treasurer to submit payment to the resident
- Tree Program
 - If anyone would like a tree in their park strip, they should apply for it in the next couple weeks to get it this year
 - This is absolutely free to the homeowner (WCNA picks up the \$50 fee)
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
 - This weekend – Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 - Newspaper ad was run
- New St. Joseph Hospital
 - There will be a public hearing in July
 - Tom Cain encouraged residents and the board to send letters opposing the design of the new hospital

Reports

- Treasurer - \$180,113 in the bank
- Membership: 70 members, 7 businesses

New Business

- Open Streets
 - July 14, 11am-3pm
 - The city shuts down approximately 2 miles along Calhoun Street
 - WCNA will have a booth near the AEP building on Calhoun

- Encourage walking and biking the streets
- Bike parade and bike decorating contest
- City Grant Program
 - The deadline is approaching to apply for the grant this year
 - The board is considering having vinyl wraps put on our traffic boxes
 - The cost would be \$800-\$1000 each
 - A resident asked if the traffic boxes might take away from the beauty of the homes in our neighborhood
 - Someone else pointed out it would be difficult to pick art that would be in front of someone else's home
 - How could we give access to the decision in front of the entire neighborhood – not just the people who come to the meetings month after month
 - A resident suggested we instead use the money to put a new sign at the gateway to the neighborhood on Jefferson
- Swinney Park Foot Bridge
 - A resident asked about the foot bridge from Nebraska to East Swinney
 - The city said it's currently owned by Parks & Recreation
 - They suggested Ben set up a meeting with Steve McDaniel to discuss it

Guest Speaker – Patrick Zaharako & Dan Shaw, City of Fort Wayne

- First Phase
 - Improvements along Jefferson, heading into the neighborhood
 - Just over \$1 million bid
 - Adding a sidewalk on the south side of the road
 - Includes a switchback down to the trail
 - Traffic-slowing measures
 - The lanes will narrow from 12' to 11' to slow traffic as it nears downtown
 - Adding curbs from the bridge to Garden Street
 - Adding decorative lights
 - New ramps and crosswalks at Garden and Swinney
 - Creating an island to separate Jefferson and Washington
 - Improvements to the jersey barrier
 - Remove it and put in decorative barriers, just in front of the sidewalk
 - New curb that's 8" tall
 - Construction will finish in November
 - There will always be at least 1 lane open
- Second Phase
 - Washington to Garden
 - Planting more trees

Guest Speaker – Rebecca Karcher, Trinity English Lutheran Church

- Trinity English Lutheran wants to become more involved with West Central

- Open Doors
 - Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-2pm
 - The doors on Wayne Street are open
 - Anyone is welcome
- Community assistance
- Has events planned for this summer
 - Sue in the Garden – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 1-3pm
 - Happy Little Trees painting – June 24, July 29, August 26 at 6pm (RSVP required)
 - Yoga for Wellness – Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 8:15am
 - HEAL Farmer’s Market – Thursdays starting mid-July, 5-7pm

Upcoming Events

- June 21-23 – Association Yard Sale
- August 24 – West Central Block Party, 11am-2pm
- August 31 – Clean Up Day, 8-11:30am, corner of Wilt and Van Buren
- September 7-8 – Home & Garden Tour
- October 29 – Tire & TV Day, 8-11:30am, corner of Wilt and Van Buren
- December 16 – Christmas Party, 7-9pm

Concluded – 8:02pm