

West Central Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019, 7:00pm

Call To Order – 7:05pm, 28 attendees

Old Business

- 2019 Recap
 - Worked with the city to have the light poles painted
 - Worked with the city to have a brick street restored – Wilt Street
 - City Council to approve on 10/22/19
 - Launched the first Neighborhood Beautification Program, partnering with NeighborLink
 - Worked with Kevan Biggs to improve the houses built funded by SCAN
 - Worked with the city to pave the way for Moody Park development and earmarked funds from the 2019 Home and Garden Tour for Moody Park development fund
 - Met with Lutheran Hospital Leadership and successfully negotiated changes to construction plan
 - Supported Electric Works through presentations, showing support at key meetings
 - Formed new partnerships with area churches (St. Johns, Trinity English Lutheran)
- Lutheran Downtown Hospital Construction
 - Street Closures
 - They've completed work on Van Buren for the time being
 - Berry Street between Van Buren and Jackson will be closed until October 25
 - Jackson between Main and Berry will be closed October 28 - November 8
 - They asked Tyler Bowers to join their planning board to act as a link to the association
 - He will keep us updated on their plans and address issues
 - They had removed many of the street lights, and have since added more light back after Ben brought it to their attention
 - They mentioned they're looking to put a retail pharmacy in the hospital for public use
 - He will remain on the board through the end of construction
- SCAN Houses
 - There are 5 new houses in the neighborhood
 - The board fought for a lot of changes to the original designs so they would blend into the neighborhood better

- The homes are almost done with construction

Reports

- Treasurer – Approximately \$191,992 in the bank
- Membership – 36 households, 27 seniors, 17 individuals, 12 businesses/organizations, 1 lifetime member
- Secretary – September association meeting minutes provided to view

New Business

- 2020 Goals
 - Continue to support Electric Works
 - Address traffic concerns including Jackson Street, Wayne Street, Swinney Avenue
 - Regularly meet with Lutheran Hospital Leadership as construction continues – Tyler Bowers is serving on the Lutheran Construction Board
 - Meet regularly with the city to accomplish brick street restoration
 - Establish the plan for Moody Park development
 - A member suggested we could sell engraved bricks to residents as a fundraiser
 - Consider crime reduction measures
 - Maybe include some funds for security lights or similar crime-prevention items and helping residents with those costs, similar to the beautification program
 - Wrap electrical boxes with association-approved artwork
 - Establish a Local Historic District expansion in Area 3
 - Design a gateway sign at the entrance of West Central on Jefferson near Garden
- Board Nominations for 2020
 - Nominating Committee Chair, Mike Anderson, presented the slate
 - President – Ben Wahli (transition year)
 - Vice President – Tyler Bowers (future President)
 - Membership – Cindy Brandt
 - Secretary – Roger Bell
 - Treasurer – Greg Brandt
 - Next month, nominations will be accepted from the association
 - The slate will then be put up for a vote
- Investing in Neighborhoods Now
 - The mayor recently approved \$500,000 to be divided among the 4 neighborhood quadrants
 - West Central is in the Southwest Area Partnership
 - West Central makes up a large percentage of SWAP, and will probably propose we should receive a larger percentage of the money
 - The funds could go to Moody Park

Guest Speaker – Reg Converse, Concerned Citizen’s Watch

- They are reinventing the group
- The police are very interested in the group as well
- Last week, he sent out 420 invitations to neighborhood presidents across town
 - He asked them to fill out a survey – what do they want the group to be now?
 - They’re having a meeting next month
- Their mission is to engage, education, and support whatever crime prevention a neighborhood wants to participate in
 - Anonymous, unarmed, and non-confrontational
 - They can do training, present at our meetings, provide columns for our newsletters, etc
- His cell phone: 260-704-7344 if anyone is interested in joining or more information

Upcoming Events

- November 18 – Board vote, Lutheran Hospital presentation, 7-8pm
- December 16 – Christmas Party, at the Phoenix?, 7-9pm

Concluded – 8:08pm