

April meeting notes:

Brandon, Tyler, Greg, Cindy, Ryan, Al, Ben, Connie, Mike, Andrew, Kelly

Start time: 1808

Secretary's report: Good, all I's.

Treasurer's report: \$1365.00 from member drive. 3 new sponsors for the home tour. Greg filed all needed forms for the year and listed them. Filed for address change and sent request in all mail now to P.O. BOX. Filed early, registered all in time. The new program will hit on next month's report. Total memberships now up to 180. All I's for the financial report.

Membership report: Store support, for those stores supporting neighborhood Assoc. Cindy to go back out as most don't open until Wednesday (mid-week) will go back out and try for more. Forms still with Sasha from first neighborhood drive Cindy is trying to get Brandon involved to retrieve. With her missing forms, we are now closer to 190.

LHD expansion: Last month 28 letters went out with Tyler's info no one has reached out. We have 5 out of 14 votes for yes to reach 50% for the expansion. An extra 3 to 4 weeks reach out would get more yes votes. We need more than 51 or 52% to make it easier for city council to approve. Looking to take it to HPC in late May.

Home and garden: Only 4 showed up so the date will be moved to accommodate all schedules. Brandon going around the neighborhood and having some trouble drumming up houses. Cindy snagged at least 3 houses. 2 more were "not no's". We have three houses now for the tour. Next meeting, start to set committees. Laura Stein already looking to switch add lines "way too early" for this year.

Moody park: We have to set a time for a public reach out, in May? Set date now or next month? (May for June) FW Parks appears to give a deer in the headlight look about Electric Works plans for egress and regress. The city does not want to put money in and then have them turn around and rip it out. Need to see master plans. 7 to 10-year plans will happen much sooner we need to fight. Table to June to see what is going to happen with the entry road. Still, need an event Tailgate/block party? Bring in boards to have people write their ideas. Should FW Parks be at the event?

Kelly: Set up an E-mail for all board members. Kelly to send instructions out this week. Great easter egg hunt this year smaller turn out than 2 years ago but spring break in play this year. Remember to look at spring break for next year. 30 kids 700 eggs all went home happy. Got some donations for more baskets. These helped those that did not or were not able to bring baskets.

Cell phone towers: Tyler and Tom doing a great job at keeping on and up with Cell-co, finally sending E-mailing. If Cell-co makes it new construction, we might have traction with our verbiage.

They are sending one request at a time so no one has a big picture (we cannot see the forest), so it swamps everyone. State DNR is our last hope in the 106 reviews. Not one tower has been built so far under a 106 review. A question to ask, could the new hospital rooftop be used for antennas?

Joe: Sidewalk update, he has checked out 34 properties. Joe sent around the top 20 "rough cut". West Berry St. a better candidate for replacement.

Sweeny and Stophelt in fairly good shape. Wilt street, you can just see replacement "where good trees are left". A good alternative is pumping up sidewalks rather than replacement? Another question that was asked could the public sidewalk stairs around the neighborhood be made handicap-accessible as a part of the project?

Trees saved by hugging and going around trees with new replacements. When concrete guys come in to fix after water lines homeowners can come out and ask for more to be done. Repair guys are reasonable and will do a few more squares. Joe would like to contact a few private contractors to look at the neighborhood.

Tree program: Need the properties to be submitted by end of May or June to secure locations early, as trees go in late fall. Joe and the city arborist go around and look and confirm the properties. Joe to be at the meeting for Assoc. to explain the program again. We need to know if neighbors want a tree or not, so they are not put in and they are cut down or killed.

St. Joe is asking for a variance. Nurses school needed to make new property lines so it could be sold, as it is on the same parcel as the hospital. We all said we need to support.

We, the WCNA, need more merch!, to sell and get the word out at farmer's markets, handouts? All agreed we need new merch looking to the neighborhood meeting to see what to order. (What people want) More new people in the neighborhood constantly asking for swag. We need to separate merch and ticket sales this year. Looking at seed money \$2,500 for merch. Need to get approval from Assoc., or should we ask for \$3,000. Looking to local artists for yearly design/new design to promote the home tour and neighborhood.

1315 Rockhill construction: Deed restrictions not in LHD. Ben asked new owners to follow the HPC rules, yet they tore down an old addition and reconstructed a new addition without approval. Also up for public hearing, a new porch. Owners signed all modifications needed to go to HPC yet nothing has been filed, nor kept in touch with Ben on any updates. Al to send a letter to 1315 sighting the violations. Also, would a letter for the zoning meeting this Thursday work or have Ben talk at the meeting about them holding work as no one has seen any plans. Letter to go out Ben has contact info for owners. Owners Drew and Catrenea Nichols are looking into another property as a single-family or duplex. Brandon and Ben to follow up.

HPC: Lack of enforcement 1105 Garden. Added vinyl siding and added to dormers. HPC contacted the owner and she was not interested in following rules. Once something is up HPC will not ask to take it down. They are afraid to sink teeth in and are losing ground on the enforcement of HPC rules. Brandon to reach out to HPC to come back and talk to the board and neighbors. Should we be contacting the HPC president rather than Don and Kreiger? No backup from the city. Are we to go after only the most horrible as a neighborhood?

Rather reach out with education material to talk about at real estate lunches and make educational material available. Don and Kreiger to take photos of mistakes to show as educational materials. Don and Kreiger to the next meeting to talk on HPC and education.

Investors: Buying homes and moth-balling them. For example, Greg and Cindy bought and did not do anything for two years (outside). People are buying holding and trying to sell for way more than it is worth. Example on wilt bought for 30K trying to sell for 230k with broken windows and rodents. Do we WCNA have a leg to stand on in this matter? Do we want to chase these landlords/homeowners? 901 W. Main, as an example. This is the type of house we need to go after. Yet this is how the neighborhood survived. With furloughed houses and hold and sell to preserve. Talked about in January's meeting, holding a meeting with neighborhood code to go after really bad homes.

As another example, 523 Hendricks called and asked the board to save this property. This is an example of what we could bring up to the Assoc. to see if we want to form a committee to go after these houses.

Poll to the board, board states we need to get creative and make a possible list of "derelict" houses. We must include the neighborhood and neighbors in this task. We need to make a record that shows we are going after yet not to single out any one person. Gentle persuasion seems to be the way to go. We need to create a committee to go and make these "gentle calls". Create a list of contractors a directory for help with these homes.

Potential housing study to be tabled to next meeting.

Porch parties: Bring the list, David Long does not want to do it anymore, gave the list to Joe, Greg said. If we have the list, we can look it over. Does this need to be a west West Central thing? Are we keeping to neighborhood residents only? This is what the neighborhood is known for. We need to see who is coming "after hours"

All I's for Connie's request to up the first place prize from \$500 to \$1000 for artists' drawings of the neighborhood. We will need to take it before the Assoc. for approval as well.

End time: 1920