

Westside Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes May 3, 2017 - 6:00 PM - Letts Community Center

In Attendance: Cassandra Nelson, Elizabeth Battiste, Emily DeRushia, John Addis, Merry Rosenberg, Emily Bergquist, Emily Stevens, Danielle Casavant, Emily Johnson and Jason Gabriel

Excused: Rob Mathis and Rosemary Goodno

Absent: Mohammed Khan

Call to Order: Emily De Rushia called to order at 6:05 pm

Approval of Agenda: Bergquist moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the Agenda as presented. **APPROVED**

Approval of Minutes – Bergquist moved, seconded by Battiste to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. **APPROVED**

Bergquist moved to add Amy Campbell to the Board of Directors. Stevens seconded. **APPROVED**

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report** – \$2,412.72 in checking and \$12,396.65 in business savings. Rosenberg and Stevens have the organization ATM/debit cards.
- **Community Engagement**
 - **Schools** – We contributed \$50 for the Sexton Teacher Appreciation Day. Computer/Internet access for students is on hold until there is someone that is spearheading the project.
 - **City/Parks & Rec:** Looking at hotspots near community centers. Working with Closing the Digital Gap to set up a small computer lab.
- **Communications**
 - **Newsletter** – Newsletters were mailed and extras will be delivered to area businesses.
 - **Social Media** – The outward facing Page for the neighborhood is up and running. Events can be forwarded to Battiste.
- **Neighborhood Improvement**
 - **Community Survey** – DeRushia has been working on the survey. Door

to door survey should focus on what our neighbors value and what they want from a neighborhood association. Bergquist suggested window signs to hand out while doing the survey as they'd be cheaper than yard signs. DeRushia will email the survey for input.

- o **Yard Signs** – Signs are in proofing stage. Discussion of how to distribute.

- **Events**

- o **Garage Sale** – Nine sign-ups so far. Battiste working with Old Oakland.
- o **Voter Education Forum** - Neighbors asked for a primary election voter education event for 4th Ward Council candidates. Battiste suggested Wednesday, June 28. Battiste will bring more details to the June Board Meeting. The General Election Candidate Forum will tentatively be September 27.
- o **Jazz in the Park** – The event is being promoted by the Jazz Festival. No alternate rain location. Their intern will be posting to our group.
- o **Summer Picnic** - Casavant asked Kim Fauson if she wants to coordinate with help. Stevens reminded Casavant that Goodno would like to help.
- o **Annual Fundraiser** - Bergquist will spearhead and organize a planning meeting.

- **Grants** - We were awarded \$100 for the summer picnic and \$910 for the Family Fun Festival. Nelson and Stevens will revisit last year's event and plan for the next.

- **Crime and Safety:** Neighborhood Walk is on June 27 at 6:30 PM. Mitzi Allen is leading. Leave from Letts or Sexton, walk for a mile to mile and half, highlight history and bad conditions of streets/sidewalks, end where started with refreshments. Stevens moved authorization of up to \$150 for refreshments, seconded by Battiste. **APPROVED**

Adjourned at 7:23 PM