



West End Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
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## **Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2023**

Attendance: Peter Kramer, George Bryan, Mark LaBrecque, Carmen Kiper, Victoria Goral, Jessica Chandler, Justine Mitchell, Frank Johnson

(Items needing action are marked with “\*\*”)

Meeting called to order 6:06pm by Treasurer Peter Kramer

Members were welcomed and the Minutes for April 2023 were approved.

Peter discussed we still need another Board Member and in Fall will need to look at new officers. George offered to find a nomination for Board Member as we had no one offering at Spring Social. There was the discussion about in person meetings. Not sure that would bring more attendance. Our events are bringing attendance.

Spring Social: Jessica reporting. An email report was sent. About 40 attended the event at Joymongers. Considered a success. About 8 volunteered to committees or projects. Board should follow up with these folks. \*

General discussion about other potential events. Baseball outing and music in Grace Court mentioned. The Committee will look into the opportunities.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Event: Frank is spearheading and has food arranged. Jessica will promote. There was general discussion about past July 4<sup>th</sup> events including fire truck, kids bike parade and decorations. Frank, Jessica, and Carmen will meet and come up with ideas which will be shared by June 9<sup>th</sup> via email. Initial Budget of \$500 mentioned. Dan may have decorations.

Membership: Strong membership report by Peter – 25 businesses and 107 households.

Dog Litter Stations: George updated Board on options and will be recruiting at least 2 members to help with committee. Coordinating with City for placement, HRC approval, purchasing, supplies and analysis will be the tasks of this group. Money is already appropriated.

Neighborhood Watch: Mark LaBrecque reported he will be reaching out to Block Captains about potential cameras whose video would be shared with Police. The couple that had been monitoring the neighborhood at night have moved out of the neighborhood. There have been a couple of Watch issues. One was someone going through gate and sitting on Victoria’s porch. This person went to other houses as well.

Financials: Peter reported \$265 net revenue this past month. He followed up with First National Bank in regard to putting WEA dollars into higher interest accounts. His recommendation is to keep \$7500 we have in checking and move \$40,000 to higher yields. 13 months is yielding 5%; 7 months is yielding 4.75%. There are varying options. Mark LaBrecque moved to invest \$40,000 for 13 months, George seconded.

There was general discussion about expenses over the next year. We have approved expenditures for camera, Litter stations and upcoming events. George mentioned we were actively replacing WE sign on Summit and that there are other projects in the neighborhood that could be addressed like benches in historic portion of Hanes Park and fencing on small park on east West End Boulevard.

HRC: George reported that no agenda was released yet.

Dumpster in Hanes Park: George gave some history. Approximately 10 years ago the School asked to put dumpster there to store softball equipment. When the Park renovations were completed it included moving the softball field and building a substantial building for storage. The dumpster has remained for 2 years and is the frequent target of graffiti. George asked for Board endorsement to write a letter to the school to remove the dumpster. The Board agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Bryan

Secretary.