

WHNA Board Meeting Minutes – Jan. 11, 2010

Lange home, 7:00 – 9:10 p.m.

Attending: Trevor Huffaker, Sylvia Owens, David Lange, Karen Eshilman, Allen Sydnese

- David opened the meeting by announcing he had spoken before the city council at its Dec. 21st session as agreed at the last board meeting. He spoke to the council about the mission of the WHNA, its past activities of community service, and its sponsorship of the mayoral/council candidate forum prior to last November's election. During that meeting the council discussed a fee structure for renting the Community Center when it opens in June. Marketa George-Oliver, city administrator, indicated it was her intent to waive rental fees for some civic organizations. She mentioned the WHNA specifically. Carole Tillotson suggested we obtain 501.c3 status (i.e. register with the IRS as a non-profit) in order to comply with rental waiver rules. David will investigate and initiate a filing.
- David announced he had secured Dr. Jennifer Rahe-Thompson and Barb Niccum of the WH Chamber of Commerce to serve as guest speakers for the Jan. 31 general membership meeting.
- David distributed a draft of the memo he wrote inviting members to the Jan. 31 meeting and reminding members of dues. The board reviewed the memo and agreed to use it with one minor modification.
- David updated the board about the Hickman Ave. street scaping meeting he attended. The city's hired consultant will be conducting other informational meetings and they will be published on the city's website. It was agreed that Trevor or Allen would discuss this at the general meeting.
- The board agreed to hold the Annual Meeting Sunday evening, April 11th at the Windsor Lutheran Church. The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00. The meeting will include election of the president, secretary, and all three at-large board seats.
- The board discussed possibilities for chairpersons for Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. David and Allen will contact individuals to see if they will agree to serve.
- Allen reported that the individuals who approached us about establishing a Community Service committee are still considering his request to serve as leaders. The board asked Allen to wait several more days and then contact the individuals again with a request for an answer. The board gave further discussion to the types of services we could consider. Broadly defined, we agreed that the services should be temporary, so as not to duplicate services provided by other civic or charitable organizations that are better suited for long term needs. The board also agreed that we would not undertake any task that involves supervision of a person, property, or animal, because of liability concerns. The board agreed that we prefer to have two leaders of the committee, in order to assure back-up. We envision volunteers consisting of WHNA members, and possibly local church groups, scout organizations, and school groups. It was agreed that we would discuss the concept at the Jan. 31 membership meeting.

- Allen reported no further developments on the tree idea for Colby Park. He will continue to pursue.
- David advised the board that the WHNA has been invited to join the WH Chamber of Commerce. The membership fee would be \$100 annually. The board discussed the pros and cons of membership and decided to table the invitation.
- The board discussed a couple of ideas that were provided to David by a WHNA member, one of which was about recognizing homeowners who have made substantial improvements to the exterior of their home. It was agreed that David would draft a memo of thanks and recognition and that we would consider developing a formal nomination process.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20.