

## **WPNA Community Meeting Minutes/Notes**

**Meeting held on 5/27/14**

### **WPES Cafetorium**

1. Introductions (meeting started at 7:10pm).
  - a. 15 residents in attendance plus Social Chair Kate Herring, VP Brian Smith, Treasurer Seegar Swanson, and DPD Information Officer Sgt. Jennifer Ross
  - b. Mix of old and new residents (ranging from 6 months to 25 years)
  - c. Some attendees were from outside current WPNA geographic limits in response to the drop of flyers advertising the meeting).
2. Police report from Sgt. Ross.
  - a. Provided safety report through May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Confirmed we are in the SE Zone and she covered the report and explained current stats.
  - c. So far, better in 2014 v. 2013, but we are headed into season with typical activity spikes.
  - d. 20,000 Decatur residents, 47 police officers.
  - e. Most common thefts – bikes, yard tools, things left out in the open, mail theft (one was actually caught via a neighbor calling in).
  - f. Suggested that we have a Bike registration day – Saturday morning at the WP field – they can take pictures and capture serial numbers – maybe we can couple it with a social event (popsicle social for kids of a certain age group), bring in the rec center contact to cover biking safety tips.
  - g. Talked about Nation of Neighbors, website – out of town request form, and non-emergency phone number 404-373-6551.
  - h. Also encouraged neighbors to register phones on the Smart 911 website.
  - i. Mentioned Rec Center Burglary prevention presentation and video will be posted online and talked about ongoing women's self-defense classes (RAD – all ages) 12 hour commitment.
  - j. Brian mentioned open position for Neighborhood watch – no volunteers.
3. Bylaws
  - a. Revisions expanding the WPNA geographic boundaries on the east and south to the City limits and adding residences not included in the WPNA geographic boundaries that are zoned to WPES were explained, reviewed, voted on and passed unanimously by the membership.
4. Executive Committee Elections
  - a. Brian explained current vacancy in the position of WPNA President.

- b. Kate Herring nominated Brian Smith and Scott Moore as Co-Presidents.
  - c. Motion was seconded
  - d. Vote taken and approved unanimously by the membership.
  - e. Brian explained that his election meant that the WPNA Vice Presidency position was now open and asked if anyone was interested in serving.
  - f. Laurie Ford volunteered to run for VP, was nominated, seconded and was elected unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report
- a. Seegar gave overview of current budget and financial position, referencing the four page Treasurer's Report distributed at the meeting showing a current bank balance of \$2,920.94.
  - b. Discussed that social events drive costs.
  - c. Discussed ongoing ways to increase membership and collect additional revenue for the WPNA.
  - d. Talked about potential move to PayPal as a payment option for membership and social event registration/RSVP/sign-up.
  - e. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made and seconded, then approved unanimously by the membership.
6. Committee Reports
- a. Brian gave WPNA Communications Chair Cynthia Osborne's update – read her submitted written report due to her absence and talked about different communication channels.
  - b. Residents were excited to hear about Facebook page and other forms of communication v. Listserv only.
  - c. Brian covered 5 items outlined – online membership renewal (beta), yahoo groups, FB page and stats, Twitter handle and stats, Next Door WP.
  - d. WPNA Social Chair Kate Herring presented her report. Thanked previous chair Jenn Ballentine for her work. Talked about continuing existing events, but creating some new ones as well (maybe some smaller events – by street, etc.).
  - e. Covered plan for development of an independent WPNA logo v. school/PTA logo (submission process and timeline) – residents were excited about it and agreed that there needs to be a separate identification for the neighborhood association.
  - f. Covered discussion with Decatur visitor center and communication contacts regarding logo creation, promotion and Welcome Wagon ideas.
  - g. Brian covered that there are two committees with open chair positions – Environmental and Zoning – mentioned signup sheets for end of meeting. There were no volunteers for these positions in the meeting or on the sign up sheet.

7. Closure of Meeting

- a. Brian opened for questions/roundtable – ideas and topics below:
  - i. Logo – what are we known for? Halloween, Luminary event, School
  - ii. Ideas for social events – popsicle playdate (specific age group), smaller events (block parties), potlucks, WPNA community service event, ladies luncheons/dinners, guys poker groups
  - iii. Christmas Decatur – sponsor shopping/gift for families and/or sponsor a house for MLK weekend
- b. Seegar conducted the member door prize raffle.
- c. Closing comments by Brian/Scott.
- d. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.