Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

February 21, 2022

Minutes

[Virtual Meeting via Google Meet]

WTNA website address: www.wagenerterrace.org

The February meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Petar Lemajic. He welcomed everyone and asked for any new meeting attendees to feel free to introduce themselves. No new members identified themselves.

MINUTES: The previous month's minutes are posted on the WTNA website. The agenda was initially accidentally posted to the website instead of the minutes, but the minutes have been correct on the website for about a week. Liz Bronneberg confirmed that she read the minutes and moved that the minutes from the January 2022 meeting be approved as posted on the website. Jarett Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

FINANCIALS: President Lemajic reported that we have $9,368.90 in Checking and $17,507.28 in Savings.

PRESENTATION: No set presentations.

POLICE/CITY COUNCIL/CITADEL: No one from the Citadel was present, nor was Lt. Dasher or Councilmen Gregorie and Sakran.

NEW BUSINESS: President Lemajic explained that we have been paying for Calling Post as a tool to inform members of meetings on the Sunday prior. A reminder message would be recorded and sent out to all members. He noted that most of the calls either went to voicemail or were blocked outright. It costs $20/month, and we have not used it in the last approximately 16 months. Instead, we use social media and email through google-branded domains. President Lemajic brought up the question of whether we need this subscription or if we should vote to cancel it. Nancy Wilson, Liz Bronneberg, and James Bishop spoke in support of getting rid of the subscription. Past-President Amanda Gurski said that the subscription was originally kept because a former neighbor insisted that older members relied on the calls to stay aware of in-person meetings, which we have not held since spring 2020. Anna Lee Turnermade a motion to cancel Calling Post, and Patty Comfort-Capers seconded. No dissension. All present were in favor. President Lemajic has already pulled some of the recordings and content, and he will proceed with downloading the recordings to keep on our google drive, scrubbing the remaining WTNA data from the Calling Post server, and then canceling the subscription. We have a

google suite that's branded to wagenerterrace.org and costs about $20 a month, and that is a more effective way for us to maintain continuity in communication.

LOCAL ISSUES:

1. There continue to be ongoing permits for Charleston Water Systems to block Grove Street from Rutledge Avenue to 11th Street for their work on the water main. One neighbor has complained that Lowndes Grove trucks are going down Grove Street during the hours of the CWS work, and it is creating difficulties for the neighbors along that street. Kelly Olson is the contact for Lowndes Grove and Patrick Properties, and President Lemajic said he would get in touch with her about this. Lyn Smith confirmed that this project will go the whole way down Grove and mentioned that CWS recently dropped bottles for neighbors to get their water tested for lead. President Lemajic said he would reach out to have a representative from CWS come to a meeting to give an update on the project and answer some questions.

2. City of Charleston is closed today for President's Day. Trash and garbage pick-up will be delayed by one day.

3. President Lemajic apologized to James Bishop for neglecting to send the letter of support that we had voted in favor of writing for him at a previous meeting. Mr. Bishop reported that the BAR initially deferred their project because they did not have a letter from us, but he was able to pull the minutes from the website and show it to the City, and they approved. The City's initial concern was the fact that the detached garage is supposed to have 50 ft. setback from the front, and he wanted to push to 25 ft. which would have required a huge variance, and they did not think that was appropriate. They suggested attaching the garage to the house because then they would only need the side variance, so the Bishops investigated that and realized it allowed them to add a mudroom/laundry room, so they are proceeding with that plan, and it is actually working out better for them.

COMMITTEES

1. Oyster Roast: VP Nicholson reported that he finalized everything with Hans from The Crazy Dutchman after our January meeting. We received our $3,000 refund, and they are holding $2,100 as our deposit for next year. The Oyster Roast is officially wrapped up.

2. Yard of the Month: Amanda Gurski said there is nothing to report since winter is not a great time for yards.

3. Sunshine: Nothing to report. There is still no head to this committee.

4 Environment: Liz Bronneberg's husband Tim Jaroschis interested in taking the lead on this committee but was waiting on some direction on how to proceed. President Lemajic agreed to connect with Mr. Jarosch outside of the meetings to discuss this committee further.

5. Zoning: Nothing to report.

6. Membership: Treasurer Gail Thomas reports that we currently have 34 members. Ms. Bronneberg said that she is happy to support or lead a membership drive. She will reach out to Treasurer Thomas about what has been done in the past. Rebcca Bishop mentioned that she would have paid to be a member much sooner if venmo was an option. President Lemaijc said he would coordinate with Treasurer Thomas to work on setting up venmo.
Jennifer Hajj introduced herself as a new meeting attendee and requested more information about the various committees, as she did not know about the WTNA until she received one of our reusable bags and is unfamiliar with the ways in which she could get involved. Nancy Wilson encouraged members to reach out when they notice new neighbors move in, as we still have plenty of bags we could deliver to neighbors as part of WTNA membership outreach. Rebecca Bishop also suggested putting together a list of groups or clubs in the area that we could distribute as an additional draw for younger families.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Nothing else to report.

ONGOING CONCERNS: VP Nicholson reintroduced the idea of going back to in-person meetings at some point. He is keeping an eye on the covid numbers and is trying to explore possible meeting locations. Jennifer Hajj said that she works for MUSC, and the current guidance is that as long as people are distanced and masked indoors, it should be okay to meet. VP Nicholson said he will move forward with trying to find a location. President Lemajic said that we will need to have a hybrid option so that people can continue to meet virtually if they choose.

Mr. Bishop reintroduced the discussion about having someone from the BAR come to talk to us so they could clarify what their guidelines are for our neighborhood. President Lemajic said that he will reach out to have someone come talk at an upcoming meeting.

VP Nicholson moved to end the meeting, and Ms. Comfort-Capers seconded. There was a unanimous vote to close the meeting. Meeting closed at 7:50p.

The next WTNA Meeting will be March 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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