Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

June 20, 2022

Minutes

[Hybrid Meeting at 45 Moultrie St. and via Google Meet]

WTNA website address: www.wagenerterrace.org

The June meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Petar Lemajic. He welcomed everyone to WTNA's hybrid meeting and asked for any new meeting attendees to feel free to introduce themselves. George Frenzel and his girlfriend Virginia introduced themselves as residents on San Souci by Ashley. No other new or returning members identified themselves.

MINUTES: The previous month's minutes are posted on the WTNA website in a zip document that includes additional relevant meeting documents. Treasurer Gail Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the May 2022 meeting as posted on the website. Liz Bronneberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

FINANCIALS: Treasurer Thomas reported that there is $3,543.91 in Checking and $22,507.91 in Savings. She reminded everyone that $17,500 is set aside for the next oyster roast, and there is $5,007.91 in regular savings. VP Jarett Nicholson said that organizing for the next oyster roast will start around September, and he will connect with Lowndes Grove about the date. He is optimistic that it will be smooth planning this year since so much was laid out last year before the cancellation. The proposed budget for 2022-2023 is available for viewing on the website. It is scaled back since we have not done any fundraising in the last 2 years due to COVID-19. We will plan to continue to contribute $50 each month to Parkside Church for the use of our meeting space. We will also allow $454.41 for WTNA Operations and $737.50 for the Tree Program. Ms. Bronnerbeg asked what the Tree Program is, and Treasurer Thomas explained that if you want a tree for the section of vegetation between the street and the sidewalk in front of your house, then WTNA will pay for half of the cost of the tree ($147.50), and the City will pay the other half. We have budgeted for up to 5 trees. You can contact Anna McAllister if you are interested in getting a tree. We will vote next month on the budget.

POLICE/CITY COUNCIL/CITADEL: No one from the Citadel was present, nor was Lt. Dasher or Councilmen Gregorie and Sakran. Ms. Bronneberg noted that since she has been attending meetings since last fall, there has never been a representative from the Citadel in attendance. She volunteered to reach out to them to see if someone could attend a future meeting and update us. Amanda Gurski reminded us that our Citadel contact is Colonel Cardon Crawford.

Lt. Dasher had recently reached out to President Lemajic to invite him to a zoom meeting to talk about the collaboration between mental health professionals and the police in our

neighborhood. Lt. Dasher was keen to let us know that they are aware of neighbors who have a history of erratic behavior, and they have mental health resources at their disposal in relevant situations. He said it does change the police response to know when someone potentially has a mental health issue, so it is helpful to provide that information in calls to police so that they can get in touch with their mental health team and be sure to send an officer with mental health training/experience.

NEW BUSINESS - President Lemajic reminded everyone that Tyler Hueter, Anna Lee Turner, Susan Cale, Mike Hilfer, and Jeanie Knowlton have been nominated for a seat on the Board. He opened the floor for additional nominations, but no more were given. Mr. Hueter, Ms. Turner, Ms. Cale, and Ms. Knowlton each already served a term on the Board and voiced that they are willing to serve again. Mr. Hilfer was not in attendance and therefore unable to voice his consent to being elected, so the current Board was re-elected by acclamation to serve another 2-year term. Congratulations to the new Board!

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Ms. Bronneberg said she is working to get Zelle set up and is hoping that will be completed by the end of the week. There was previously an issue with Google canceling the account set up because they thought it was fraud, so President Lemajic said he would help set up a branded email. Ms. Bronneberg reiterated that we are not using Venmo because we do not want to pay the fees. Zelle, by comparison, is free, has a paper trail, will send receipts, and is associated with Bank of America, which is where our WTNA account is.

2. James Bishop and Carmen Gaston, heads of our Zoning Committee, were unable to attend the meeting, but President Lemajic said that Mr. Bishop is an architect and is working on creating standard questions to ask each applicant. He said that we will hopefully hear from them next month, but if anyone has specific questions, they should send them to Mr. Bishop. President Lemajic said he would check in with Councilman Sakran to see if there are any updates on BAR guidelines or expectations for our neighborhood.

3. Treasurer Thomas said that she noticed questions on social media about what is happening with the Charleston Water Systems (CWS) project on Grove, as neighbors have noticed that the water project efforts seem to start and stop and start and stop. Tim Jarosch confirmed that the project is supposed to last through 2023 and speculated that their work may be slowed down by their efforts to look for lead pipes.

COMMITTEES

1. Yard of the Month - Treasurer Thomas, Ms. Cale, and Susan Wigley are going to coordinate to choose a winning yard, and VP Nicholson will be the hole digger.

2. Sunshine - We still do not have anyone on this committee. Ms. Bronneberg volunteered to post about it on Facebook to see if we could find someone interested.

3. Environment - Mr. Jarosch is heading this committee and is actively seeking relevant speakers to come to our meetings. We should be having a representative from Charleston County Environmental Management at our July meeting.

4. Zoning - Mr. Bishop and Ms. Gaston will hopefully have an update for us soon.

5. Membership/Publicity - Ms. Bronneberg reported that she will handle WTNA social media and maintain our informational flyer, and Mrs. Gurski will track house sales through Zillow and continue to distribute our WTNA reusable bags with the flyers to new homeowners. Ms. Bronneberg is interested in enticing nearby businesses to be neighborhood supporters, and after reading the Bylaws, she had questions about whether they could be involved as Associate members, which are those who live outside the neighborhood. Mr. Jarosch said there are people who do not live in the neighborhood who have reached out to him about being on the Environmental Committee, and Treasurer Thomas confirmed that non-residents can participate in meetings and serve on committees but they cannot vote on neighborhood issues. Treasurer Thomas said that we should have good relationships with the North Central and Hampton Park Terrace neighborhoods, and Associate membership could encompass both non-residents and businesses. Ms. Bronneberg said there is a flyer template in a Neighborhood Association toolkit, so perhaps we could list neighborhood business participants on that and post it on our website. President Lemajic said that we also have to be careful not to create the perception of favoritism. Ms. Bronneberg is eager to create excitement and drive more membership but said that we have to be creative in figuring out ways to do that. Treasurer Thomas said she is willing to walk door-to-door to try to get more neighbor email addresses, but Ms. Bronneberg pointed out that it would be great to get information out to more residents but that we also need to provide some motivation for them to pay the $10 to become members and get involved. Mr. Frenzel said that he works in Marketing and would be happy to serve on a Committee. He said we should think about what we are giving members and suggested turning meetings into potlucks. Mrs. Gurski said that we should try to engage the people who win YOM and urge them to attend a meeting. Mr. Frenzel suggested that their YOM “prize” should be a WTNA membership. VP Nicholson said that Amber Cote with Patrick Properties Hospitality Group contacted him to let him know that all WT residents are welcome to come to Lowndes Grove on June 28 at 6pm for a free yoga class with Serenity Yoga. He said that we need to do more fun activities like that to draw people in, and he said he would contact Herd Provisions to see if they would be open to hosting a social in their back patio area. Ms. Bronneberg also asked that we please ‘Like’ the WTNA facebook posts to help raise engagement.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Street blocking permits continue for CWS for water main replacement. CWS also continues to conduct their federally-mandated review of water service lines, so they may be drilling in front of homes to evaluate the line materials. The water is safe, and service should be unaffected. Houses built before 1932 may also receive a letter to participate in a lead sampling program. The City of Charleston is closed today for Juneteenth, so trash and recycling pick-up have a one-day delay. There has been an unusually high volume of trash this year, with over one million additional pounds of trash between January and May of

this year compared to the same period in 2021, so the City has contracted with Republic Waste to augment collection efforts. There may continue to be pick-up delays as they try to manage the high volumes.

NEW CONCERNS

1.Mrs. Gurski said that she has noticed that there is a trash can at the duplex at 156 and 158 Gordon St. that never gets picked up. She said that it is disgusting, and trash gets into the marsh. President Lemajic suggested that she report it to Livability, and if no action is taken, then he could write a letter directly to Dan Riccio, who is the Director of Livability.

2. Mr. Jarosch asked if local high school students have a community service requirement to graduate. The consensus was that many private schools do but that public schools, including Burke, likely do not.

3. Secretary Nancy Wilson mentioned the recent news coverage about a potential City-wide rental registry program. She wondered about the potential impacts on WT. She will reach out to Councilman Sakran to see if he has any information about it.

4. Treasurer Thomas pointed out that the new fiscal year begins in July, so membership fees are due.

Treasurer Thomas moved to end the meeting, and VP Nicholson seconded. There was a unanimous vote to close the meeting. Meeting closed at 8:06 pm.

The next WTNA Meeting will be June 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Handy Contacts:

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Councilman Sakran (District 3) 843-819-0507

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