

West Lansing Homeowners Association Minutes
Wednesday November 13, 2013, 7:30pm
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November 2013 MINUTES - FINAL

In attendance: Phil Horgan, Mike Capotosto, Pauline Noonan, Scott Winhold, Dimos Zarkadas, Lauren Israel, Vanessa Clarke, Wendy Wright, Ronit Barzilay

Regrets: Jason Campbell, Frank Bruni

Recorder: Kathryn Atkinson

President's Report:

Welcome all new members. Round table introductions. (Bios on West Lansing website)
Phil is organizing a President's meeting with other homeowner groups in the neighbourhood.
Common issues – Flyover ramp, traffic, etc.

Directors' Reports:

Mike

Suggestion for WLHA event: Family Skating Party in February (around the 23rd) at Cameron Rink when it is up and running. Ronit volunteered to help. Possible music (taped) for event.
Hot dogs/hot chocolate/posters
Organize some competitions.
Motion to approve Budget \$300.00
Wendy 2nd, All Approved.

Pauline – Beautification

2nd West Lansing sign. It should be faster to install than the first one. Pauline knows the desired location. Right now there is construction in area. The sign will probably be installed after construction is completed.
Current sign on city allowance. Beacroft and Ponyntz on church property area city allowance. Sheppard and Easton is another option.

1 Botham School – contacted Urban Forestry, Bruce Gordon ,
They made a commitment to plant 91 trees, but Pauline counted 96 on the private property.
(if kept with city public standards of 3 – 1 would have been 111 trees)
Pauline is interested in flankage roads, tree planting.
She is seeing an increase of plantings and in Franklin Ravine. Our air quality is important because of kids and schools, and we live in a high density re: cars/trucks.

Dimos – Traffic

Parking Signs on Franklin are already resolved.

Spoke to City about informing us next time they do that. Noticed an heavy increase in parked cars when they took out the NO PARKING signs.
Resident contacted Dimos regarding Merging Lane – eastbound turn onto 401 from Florence during morning rush hour. Some people find it unnerving. Here is what Mike noticed:

Beacroft- S/B Beecroft -Noticed an heavy increase-Proposed not to get rid of solid lane, but not feasible. -S/B Proposed to get rid of solid lane, but not feasible. Possibility of going to media to make a show of the current traffic situation.

Website

Process of updating news and events to make it in sync with newsletter.

Should we post entire newsletter on website, is it possible or could we copy and paste?
Possibility of archiving newsletters on web.
Open to suggestion on improving website
Facebook page
If any Board Member is interested in posting info directly onto website, Dimos will show you how to do this simply.

Ronit – offered to put WLHA on her email, referring to subscribers to visit WLHA website. Dimos suggests putting “for information ...click here”. Ronit and Dimos to connect regarding cross promotion.

Vanessa – find links helpful. Likes “one minute synopsis” in newsletter, and to provide links.

Wendy - Minoes

Our community is expanding, and the Minoes just started a 4th group. Carla Amodio is heading this up. The St. Edwards parents are inquiring about joining this group.

Vanessa – Treasurer Report

Met with Aaron, and he’s transferred the account.
Has letter to take to the bank to change over names and requires Mike and Phil to go to the bank with her.
\$11,128.00 in bank
(pre=paid membership will be realized next year)
Sign funds (grant) = \$5,000.00
\$2,861 realized expense – Beautification Budget
Follow up with President/Vice-President – signing authority
Mike re: signing authority that could be expanded to Directors – any 2 of all the Board Members

NEW BUSINESS

Ronit – Suggested WLHA spearhead XmasToy Drive –
Brainstorming regarding whom to partner with (Cameron).
Lauren suggested Hindy/Cameron and will contact her to see if she is willing.
Suggestions on where to donate the collected – new unwrapped toys -
The Red Door Shelter;
Toy Mountain through Fire Department;
CHUM;
Children Aids Society (party is held December 11th)
Toy Mountain takes toys up to December 24th.
Delivery Date: December 15th

Ronit – Neighbourhood Move In package. Ronit to give updated list to Mike
re: welcome package new residents for the last year.

Phil – Amendments to the Constitution

Phil suggested an amendment to the Constitution that would allow for more than one VP. As WLHA is taking on more responsibilities and there could be committees headed up by separate VP’s. It was suggested WLHA take on up to three vice-presidents (3 would be ideal)
And having 3 Vice Presidents would make a better training ground for future WLHA Presidents. Each Vice President would have different portfolios.
First find out who is interested, there may be a vote, but definitely a democratic process Mike – on another charity committee, says they have 3 VP’s and the other one is the whole election process – the board has a committee that puts together a group of people for the next round. (A slate).

Our constitution is not designed to deal with challenges.

2 – 3 Vice Presidents with different portfolios.

Three Vice-Presidents is best.

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Phil – Suggested gifts for outgoing Board Directors – Aaron, Christina and Rob

Wendy will ask Neda Alegno if she wants to do something re: dinner certificate.

Consensus, Ronit and Lauren will bake something for outgoing Board Members.

Pauline suggested a thank you letter with the WLHA logo and signed by all of the Board Members

Phil to take care of Community Workshop (health department request).

Other info during meeting:

Pauline/Dimos – Newsletter additions = disconnecting Downspout / asking membership to contact Kathryn re: change of email/address etc

Vanessa and Kathryn to work out how membership list works.

Phil: Earth Hour Walk - Phil to approach Greg Manbeck or Ora Ross

- Wendy to connect with Carla, and send out a Minoe Reminder re: Earth Hour Volunteer

Next Meeting is tentatively Tuesday – December 10th

– Kathryn to send out email re: everyone's availability at the end of November

Scott will spearhead Community Clean Up Day (Phil talked to Scott after meeting)

Meeting Ajournd @ 21:36