

WBNA Board Meeting by Zoom

April 20, 2021

President Dave Holland called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Board members present: Dave Holland, Elizabeth Ziegmeier, Rose DuBois, Eirik Heikes, Jaclyn Lanae, John Wilmes, Jeanette Deurloo, Pat Roseland, and Joy Rehfeld.

Other members present were Lt. Christian Sigel, Councilwoman Darla Drew, and Councilman Ritchie Nordstrom.

The March 16 minutes were approved.

Neighborhood Security: Lt. Sigel / Pat Roseland

Lt. Sigel reported that crime stats indicate that the call for services are low on the overall. Increased calls have related to juvenile crimes and intoxicated subjects. The RCPD has restructured to resolve these issues with one lieutenant overseeing all segments. They've hired additional personnel through a new grant to address the juvenile crime uptick in vandalism, auto break-ins, etc as well as intoxicated and transient individuals. Problem youth many times have little or no supervision at home. The new staff are working with the youth to provide positive adult support and mentoring. Lt Sigel reports that the program has already shown successes.

Concerning home security, he said most camera systems are good, so he can't endorse one over another. He said a city-wide camera system will be difficult to achieve, and may be concentrated in the downtown area.

Pat Roseland shared information he learned at the Mt. Rushmore Road Group meeting. He said the city has hired security to monitor Wilson Park this summer during the night hours, and the restrooms will be locked at 10pm. He reminded residents to lock cars, especially in the evenings. The Hope Center may be moving to the north part of town, as they need a larger facility. The new location has yet to be determined. RRG is planning a Wilson Park cleanup on April 22 at 9:00 am. Discussion ensued about the Friday night rod runs on Rushmore Road as mostly a positive event that happens every other Friday evening, and ends by 8:00.

Summer Festival: Dave Holland

As Sharissa wasn't able to attend, Dave reported that there are currently 30 vendors confirmed thus far. She's still looking for food vendors and entertainment. Darla suggested contacting Dexter or Mary Hahn at The Cave Collective to find younger performers who may be willing to play for less money, but still have a quality sound. Sharissa also still needs volunteers to work at the festival. Dave will contact Nancy Gowen (342-5066, ngowen@ecpcode.org) to see if she would be willing to work with Becca Holland to recruit volunteers. Darla suggested we find a sponsor to set up sanitary stations so customers can wash or sanitize their hands.

Website Updates: Dave Holland

Sharissa and others have been rebuilding the website and it's a little more than half done. The membership portal is operational, so members can go on and renew their membership, update their information and pay dues. Also, new members can sign up. Dave will send an email to board members concerning photos and bios.

Treasurers Report: John Wilmes

John outlined the YTD report. Main acct: deposit of \$.01 to test the account, \$95 for dues and contributions. Withdrawals were \$326.05 for website, \$500 for festival director, \$1272.55 for insurance renewal, and \$124.61 for yearly rent on our PO box. Festival acct: deposit of \$250 sponsorship from BH Bank, \$4005 from booth rental fees. No withdrawals. John would like suggestions of how to do a budget, as we have certain expenses, but we don't really know what to budget for. John spoke about our non-profit application. The original application fee was stated as \$275, but the actual reinstatement fee is \$600. The board voted unanimously to allocate a cap of \$700 to achieve the reinstatement of a 501-C4.

Newsletter: Elizabeth Zieglmeier

The Newsletter Team completed a one-page, two-sided newsletter, by design. They wanted to give a nice introduction, while directing the reader to the WBNA website for more information. They used a WBNA design theme that is also used on the website and welcome letter. The graphics and font originated from a 1976 newsletter. One thousand copies are being printed, and Elizabeth suggested that volunteers deliver the Newsletter to each house in the neighborhood rather than mailing them. The board voted unanimously to allocate up to \$250 for printing costs. Dave will divide the neighborhood into several areas for delivery. Volunteers can carry WBNA membership forms, for those who want to join on the spot.

Street Light Project: Dave Holland

John noted that the sample streetlight looks great in the daytime, but the lack of glass panes is very noticeable at night. Pat states this is by design, as the city doesn't want to replace broken glass from vandalism or hail. Dave was on a call with Bill Evans, Ritchie Nordstrom and the Sustainability Committee. They have decided to make our lighting project their new Pilot Project. One of their previous pilot projects was the downtown recycling containers. The harshness of the lights at night may be mitigated by using a lamp with a softer glow. Dave further reported that there is a possibility that we may not need a grant to help pay for the new historic lights. Our \$10,000 contribution may be used for a shading feature that can be programmed to pinpoint more lighting or less lighting in certain areas.

Block Captains: Elizabeth Zeiglmeier

Elizabeth suggested that Block Captains could provide a means to meet and welcome new residents and connect with most people on our block or in the immediate area. It provides a way to get to know neighbors and provide assistance when and where needed. As there is a lot going on right now, this idea will be revisited at a future meeting.

St. Patrick St. Construction: Dave Holland

Starbucks causes parking and traffic problems on St. Patrick in the two blocks west of Mt. Rushmore Rd. The problem stems from employees and customers parking along the street. Residents are upset; there will be a meeting with the city to discuss concerns and try to hammer out solutions.

Adopt-A-Park in Wilson Park: Dave Holland

Planting day is June 5, 9:00 am.

Communication: Dave Holland

The Welcome letter was designed to recruit new members as new residents move in.

The WBNA got a Google phone number - 605-519-8420, which can be forwarded to anyone's phone for WBNA business.

Bill Evans has some great ideas to save Wilson School. He spoke with the owner of the strip mall located east of the school, and discovered the owner may be willing to sell the property to the school district. He supplied pictures of the area and superimposed pics of different buildings that could fit into that space.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2021 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Rehfeld.