

**WBNA Membership Meeting**  
**YMCA Courtyard Café**  
**August 17, 2021**

President Dave Holland called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Board members present were Dave Holland, Jeanette Deurloo, Patrick Roseland and Joy Rehfeld, short of a quorum.

John Wilmes dropped off the Treasurer's report, but was unable to stay for the meeting. Account balance as of 8/17/2021 is \$29,449.15, indicating the Summer Festival made in excess of \$3100.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY:** Lt. Sigel / Dave

Lt. Sigel brought a handout showing PD activity in July, 2021. The hot spots in our neighborhood revolve around the area near the YMCA. The four areas commonly needing calls for service are the Y, 825 St. Joe, one apartment, and the Federal Bldg. The Y has a variety of calls ranging from a child who hasn't been picked up to an intoxicated person on the sidewalk. The bank calls for fraud, theft, and check reports. The Federal Bldg. calls for transports, assists and the like. Another page of the handout shows that Thursdays 10:00pm – 11:00pm are the high incident times. Much of this is due to the downtown being so close and Thursday Nights activities. The types of calls vary. There was a total of 88 calls in July, up a little from June, but not that bad.

He stated that West Blvd has a low crime rate on the overall.

Lt. Sigel said Wilson Park is a hot spot and produces about 80 calls or contacts per month. Many of those contacts are proactive visits by PD. He states officers use a zero-tolerance approach in dealing with activity there.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dave / Joy

Joy had nothing new to report. Dave reported that the Block Party Committee developed a gimmick to increase membership. The WBNA will sell collectable cups for \$5.00 each, and all refreshments – beer, wine, soft drinks are free. Coca Cola is donating 8 cases of Power Ade. Each membership household will receive ONE free cup; additional cups must be purchased. This promotion should increase membership numbers.

**BLOCK PARTY:** Dave

Dave asked Lt. Sigel if he would be available to hand out the bike parade award. If Lt. Sigel isn't available, he'll find someone who can. Dave will send him specific info regarding where and what time.

The Block Party Committee is working diligently on all details. They need assistance from the Board to find Sponsors and Volunteers for the various activities.

Eirik said the beer/wine license was approved, but we need to have a specified beer garden area. We can no longer BYOB? Ritchie suggested we get specific clarification on all aspects. Lt. Sigel recommended that we be “really tight” with the carding and wrist bands to ensure no minors are consuming.

Music – Tanner and the Canadian Tuxedos have their own stage which they’ll set up on a cross street.

There will be two bouncy castles – one for bigs; one for littles.

Dave will set up slip-n-slides on someone’s front yard.

Raptor exhibit and Deb Mitchell’s printing booth will be there.

### **ADOPT-A-PARK:** Dave

August 19 at 6:30 to clean it up Wilson Park and weed flowers. We’ll do it again Saturday morning, September 4 at 10am.

Pat reported that MRRG wants to fill in the ice-skating rink and make it more useable for more people other than just the skaters for a couple months in the winter. Ritchie recommended that if they want to use Vision Funds, they should work on the sustainability of whatever their plan is. Dave suggested getting a couple of landscape architects to walk the area and brainstorm the possibilities.

### **ST PATRICK CONSTRUCTION:** Dave

Dave sent a letter to the city and hasn’t received a response regarding allowing parking on only one side of the street, allowing the possibilities of planting trees.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

*Wilson School* – Pat asked Ritchie if the Council and School Board were discussing the future of Wilson. Ritchie said he lost his contacts on the Board with the election, and can’t predict what the new board thinks or plans to do. Dave asked that WBNA be allowed to have a board member at the table when the RC Council and School Board discuss the future of Wilson School. He further stated that we would like to be on the front end of any discussions that affect our neighborhood. Ritchie suggested that we contact our School Board representative for information. Dave suggested we send a letter to the School Board stating our desire to be included.

*Non-profit Status* – John has tried to complete the required information on an IRS website, but the site always crashes before he gets all the information in. He will send the info to Dave, who will give it a go.

*Festival Contract* – As there isn’t a quorum, we can’t vote on anything tonight. Dave suggested we may want to add into the contract a 3-4-person committee to get the board more involved and give the director assistance as well as direction. This will be up for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 on September 21, 2021.  
Respectfully submitted by Joy Rehfeld.