

WOODLAND DRIVES ASSOCIATION—BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023—MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

Opening

Greg Youchock, President, opened the meeting at 6:05 pm and asked Jeff Blair, Vice President, to facilitate.

Board Members Present

- ✓ Nasrin Belbasi
- ✓ Tomas Berger
- ✓ Jeff Blair
- ✓ Sue Conte
- ✓ Deborah Lawson
- ✓ Greg Youchock
- ✓ Zach Teders

Members Absent

- ✓ John Lemons

Agenda

Approved unanimously.

Meeting Minutes and Board Action

Motion and Second to approve Minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Treasurer, Tomas Berger, reported there is currently more than \$30,000 in our account. We have 90 members plus 2 that paid cash and were not identified . Six people used PayPal. To pay their annual membership dues.

After some discussion, Jeff Blair made a motion to charge a handling fee for use the of PayPal. A flat fee of \$2.00 was proposed. Sue Conte seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom will send the current membership list to the Board.

Committee Reports

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN). Greg reported that the committee, consisting of Martha Weinstein, Alex Casa, Judy McCalman, Dianne, Lynn, Joel Dawson, and Hella Spellman, have created a flyer and kitchen magnet. There is a meeting scheduled for February 4th to discuss logistics for distributing informational flyers and a kitchen magnet to each of the 466 homes in Woodland Drives. This initiative will potentially change WD for the better due to efforts by caring neighbors. Most volunteers will be wearing NHN t-shirts.

Other. A special request from Holly Kratt to promote her Free Little Art Gallery and Book Share installed on Holland Drive in a decommissioned group mail box/parcel locker was discussed and approved. It will be mentioned in the next newsletter.

Board Membership Ad hoc Committee. Jeff spoke with Jovita Woodrich, but she is not available at this time. Nasrin Belbasi has been added and will need to be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Slate of Candidates, including current Board members, will be presented at the Annual Meeting. This will be included in the next newsletter. **A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Deborah to recommend that the WDNA membership approve the Board's Slate of Candidates for the WDNA Board of Directors.**

(Attachment 1 – Board Slate of Candidates)

ATN and Governmental Affairs Update (Jeff)

The **ATN** is proceeding with its Community Engagement Policy. Next step is to vet the Policy with Ashley Edwards, who will vet with City Department Heads. Consolidated comments will be referred back to ATN by Ashley and they will meet again to discuss and revise and decide on next steps based on results.

ATN will be reviewing the Noise Ordinance for Urban Core proposed by All Saints neighborhood and will discuss the issue at their February meeting. They are seeking ATN support for this. **Motion made by Tom, seconded by Jeff, for WDNA support of All Saints initiative. Passed unanimously.** Greg suggested a professional mediator might be needed.

ATN will review proposed revisions by Randy Decker to the City Traffic Code to allow for raised intersections on 6th and 7th Avenues, and Gadsden Street in Old Town and to be discussed at the February meeting. They are seeking ATN support for this initiative. **Motion made by Tom, seconded by Zack, for WDNA to support traffic calming efforts. Passed unanimously.**

Beautification Committee Update (Deborah)

Spring maintenance, including pruning and removal of seedlings, will commence once cold weather ends. A Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2023. Will need City approval (Ashley Edwards) to move the sign at Seminole and Lafayette Streets. Will talk to Jacques Depart regarding using water for the traffic circle on Circle Drive in front of his house. The traffic circles at Santa Rosa, Myers Park, and Circle Drive will be mulched during a Spring work day. They are seeking ideas on what else should be done.

Safety Committee Update (Greg reported for John)

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes are now on the Calendar through TPD, https://www.talgov.com/publicsafety/tpd-citizens?fbclid=IwAR0gaCMIEgGglpylcK25WIoKsi-bqNAv6-ZaxS7hqG4g_4Y_b2rnBnTUuc#rad Flyers to be placed in the neighborhood distribution boxes.

Committee is perusing the neighborhood to share with Talgov any areas that are “messy”. This includes street signs, roadway impediments, etc.

Leveling of sidewalks looks good on Seminole. Communication with TPD Officer Alford about local graffiti has not progressed, but he has been made aware of concerns.

There is interest in a neighborhood motto, perhaps having stickers (bumper or window) and maybe street signs. Possible examples mentioned were “Leaves of the same tree”, “We support our Woodland Drives neighbors”. No action by Board.

Discussion held regarding Neighborhood Crime Watch signs vs. Woodland Drives Neighborhood signs. Crime Watch signs are reasonable in cost but may offend some neighbors. Neighborhood signs could be temporary type similar to yard signs for fast driving. No action by Board.

Agenda for Annual Business Meeting (Jeff)

We will need to hold an election for the slate of Board Members and the addition of Nasrin Belbasi. Jeff also proposed changes to Bylaws as shown below.

Section 3. Election of Officers and Other Directors

- (a) The annual meeting of the Association shall be the membership meeting held during the first four months ~~quarter~~ of each calendar year (The Annual Membership Meeting).
- (b) The election of officers and other directors shall be by ballot at the annual meeting. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, the secretary will cast the elective ballot for that nominee. All nominees must be voting members of the Association in good standing as defined in Article III, Section 1 of the Association Constitution.
- (c) A Board of Director Member’s (Officers and Directors) term shall be for a period of three (3) years, beginning at the first Board Meeting following the election vote at the Annual Membership Meeting, and ending at the commencement of the first Board Meeting following the Annual Membership Meeting three (3) years later. There shall be no term limits for Officers and Directors.
- (d) Officers and Directors must be voting members of the Association in good standing as defined in Article III, Section 1 of the Association Constitution.
- (e) There shall be a Nominating Ad Hoc Committee composed of two officers of the Board of Directors. Additional Board members may be added to the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee at the Board’s direction. The Nominating Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve until another ~~the next year’s~~ Nominating Committee is appointed.
- (f) The Nominating Ad Hoc Committee shall make every effort to nominate at least one eligible consenting person for each office and for each board member position to be filled. The Nominating Ad Hoc Committee shall report its nominees to the Board of Directors who shall

provide a slate of proposed candidates to the membership at the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, additional nominations of eligible consenting persons may be made from the floor.

- (g) The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared the winner. Absentee or proxy votes shall not be permitted.
- (h) Vacancies shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting, or by special election called by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

(Section 3, Amended 16 April 2023)

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Zach, to adopt the changes to the Bylaws. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Deborah to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda presented by Jeff Blair, with the addition of a Report from the Magnolia Project Engineer. The motion passed unanimously.

Zach proposed combining the Business Meeting and the Picnic. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded and the Board agreed unanimously to make this change, with the Business meeting at 3:00, Picnic 4:00 – 6:00.

Traffic Calming Initiative

Petition signatures for traffic calming on Country Club and Myers Park Drive will be solicited from residents on February 12, 2023. Greg, Zack, Deborah, Sue, Tom, Nasrin and Jeff volunteered. Greg to consult with City on process. Zack agreed to coordinate the petition gathering initiative.

Increasing WDNA Membership and Membership Communication Initiative

Discussed texting membership when newsletter is updated. Membership cards could contain a question about preferred messaging. Need membership cards at annual meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Greg Youchock, President, adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1
PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD CANDIDATES

WOODLAND DRIVES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES — 2023

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD 19 JANUARY 2023

NAME	POSITION	STATUS
1. Greg Youchock	President – Officer/Director	Reelected 6 March 2022
2. Jeff Blair	Vice President – Officer/Director	Elected 6 March 2022
3. Tomas Berger	Treasurer – Officer/Director	Reelected 6 March 2022
4. Sue Conte	Secretary – Officer/Director	Elected 6 March 2022
5. Nasrin Belbasi	Director	Appointed 9 November 2022
6. Deborah Lawson	Director	Elected 6 March 2022
7. John Lemons	Director	Elected 6 March 2022
8. Zach Teders	Director	Reelected 6 March 2022
OPEN BOARD SEATS (UP TO 11 SEATS ALLOWED PER BY-LAWS)		
1. Director	Vacant	No Candidates/TBD
2. Director	Vacant	No Candidates/TBD
3. Director	Vacant	No Candidates/TBD