

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the August 31, 2011 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Ann Nixon, Todd Bruce, Teresa Larson and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC - Saturday, October 1st

- Date & Time: Saturday, October 1st. (Rain date Saturday, October 15th.) 5:30pm social hour and 6:30pm dinner.
- New Location: Festivities at Westwood Park under the big shelter. Park is looking much more inviting with all the new improvements.
- Food: Spin pizza & salad, Costco dessert and beverages. Assuming about 70 people, order about 27 pizzas and three salads. Just a few desserts.
- Pricing: \$10 adults, \$8 Children 5 - 10, Under 5 free. Not having to rent tables and chairs will be a considerable savings, therefor pricing for food has been reduced. Guests are requested to rsvp to HAKC.
- Silent auction item: Board wine basket. (Any other items are welcome but not expected.) Auction closes after dinner.
- Should be plenty of seating at picnic tables and along wall. Invite could suggest BYO lawn chair or blanket.
- Having the playground nearby will be convenient. Additional kids activities would be great. (A movie in the park as discussed in past meetings would be a hit.)

PICNIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Aryn - "reserve" shelter, wine bottle

Kirby - send invite, wine basket, wine bottle, money box, markers, name tags, votive candles, table cloths, reservation list

Ann N. - order Spin pizzas and salad, utensils and napkins, confirm headcount with Kirby for food quantity, wine bottle

Teresa - check with neighbors about kid's activities, wine bottle

Ann S. - boom box, music, tables, big cooler, trash bags, greeter and money collector, wine bottle

Nina - Costco run for dessert, drinks and ice (avoid overbuying), wine bottle

Todd - (out of town) wine bottle

Everyone - take pics of event for newsletter, assist with setup and cleanup

PARK UPDATE - Aryn & Ann N.

- The Northwest corner of the park was dug up due to the water main brake earlier this year. The work has been completed and currently the ground has been leveled and seeded. Ann N. mentioned that the day lilies at the rose garden were mysteriously pulled out. She and Martha replanted and water daily due to the heat. The plants fortunately survived. Kudos to them for their dedication and commitment in keeping the rose garden looking it's best!
- Aryn and Joe created a park priorities list for for the park PIAC money that includes a new shelter roof, a water spicket by the rose garden and trash containers at the entrances. The sidewalk cracks should be fixed, not with PIAC money but rather by the city or the contractor.

NEWSLETTER

- The next newsletter will be late October, after the annual picnic. All newsletter information should continue to be sent to Theresa so Julie has one source providing the content.
- Topics: picnic pics, new neighbors, park improvement updates, new block reps list, security, Westwood Park Facebook group, etc. Aryn mentioned there was a good security article in West Plaza's newsletter that Julie could maybe include in WPHA's.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

- Some neighborhood vehicles have been parked either for a long time in one location or repeatedly in the same spot close to intersections creating a danger for drivers and an irritation for neighbors. Board members may look into parking restrictions.
- Joan sent an updated block rep list. A couple of areas still need to be filled.

NEW BUSINESS & FACEBOOK

- A new Facebook group called "West Plaza Watch" was started by Julie for residents that live West of the Plaza. The focus is on security and lost and found animals. It's a very fast and effective way to alert neighbors of important issues. Julie does an excellent job of managing the page. The link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245765465446263/>
- "Save the Plaza 2010" Facebook page is active in preserving the historic Country Club Plaza. Like the page to receive timely updates and get involved. The link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-the-Plaza-2010/146891005330939>
- "Westwood Park" Facebook page provides updates, articles and pics relevant to the park and the surrounding neighborhood. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Westwood-Park/326138448083>
- There was a suggestion to have a Westwood Park Supper Club open to all WPHA residents. The idea is to have organized group dinner outings for neighbors to meet and greet at local restaurants such as Cupini's, Rozzelle Court, the Mixx, etc. This could happen several times a year and organized as a Facebook group (no costly mailed invites).
- Swinney School neighborhood/city evaluation is having a followup meeting on September 9, 5:30-7:30pm at the Unitarian Church at 4501 Walnut. Aryn mentioned that a lot of ideas suggesting a new use for the school were shared at the first meeting.
- HAKC Annual Business Meeting for board presidents and board members is Wednesday, September 28th at Mission Hills Country Club. 5:30pm cocktails and 6:15pm meeting. Anyone on WPHA board is welcome to attend. Call HAKC to rsvp.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be in October. Date TBA.
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