

Woodsshire HOA 2023 Annual Meeting

Minutes provided by Secretary Rusty Divine

The 2023 Woodsshire HOA annual meeting took place on March 9th at the Irving Rec Center. The meeting started promptly at 6pm with a greeting from President Emily Faubel. There were 21 neighbors present, including the President, Treasurer/Secretary (Rusty Divine), Former President (Drew Hofferber), and members at large (Lonnie Connelly and Lorinda Rice). No voting occurred because the neighborhood now votes by mail in ballot along with their annual due's payment.

The president welcomed the neighbors and continued the tradition of everyone introducing themselves, saying where they lived, and how long they lived there.

The Treasurer report was provided by Rusty Divine. Rusty read the memo provided by our neighbor Christie Weston who audits the books every year. Christie's memo for the 2022 accounting found the financial records were in good order and accurately reflected the receipts, expenditures, and financial condition of the association for 2022.

Rusty reviewed the 2022 income and expense report, and 2023 budget. The group discussed the tree fund and tree maintenance budget. Tom Picini stated it was important to use the donated money for the tree fund for the purpose as it was originally expressed and that we needed to make sure to have a maintenance budget because in the future we might not have enough donations to cover maintenance. Discussion continued about what the original purpose of the fund was with some neighbors feeling it could include both maintenance and purchase of trees and others feeling like it was only for purchasing new trees. Emily Faubel suggested we contact the donors to see what their intention was to ensure we are using the funds as intended. Drew Hofferber suggested we make the language more clear in upcoming mailings to be more specific about what the donated funds will be used for. Some neighbors expressed the need to have a cushion of money available for years when many trees need to be taken out, or other large expenditures.

The Green Spaces report was provided by Rusty Divine. Rusty said the only problem we had in 2022 were repairs to many sprinkler heads, which caused us to go over on that budget item. Rusty said plans for 2023 include removing volunteer trees (Buckthorns) on the north end of the park and planting new trees and shrubs to enhance those beds, and to try to get more of the beds under control from small volunteer trees and weeds. The group discussed work on the pollinator garden that will need mulch and possibly some new plantings this year. The expenses for the pollinator garden will start to be handled by the regular park maintenance fund.

Heidi Piccini said there have been times when she has observed kids doing damage to the flowering trees at the south end of the park. She suggested the neighborhood should find ways to help teach the kids how to treat trees with respect. Discussion continued with topics such as putting signs up (Tom Piccini volunteered to make signs if needed), education, and outreach. The group thought the Easter Egg hunt would be a good time for the Tree Committee (Judy Greenwald) to present some information to the kids about the trees. Megan Hershiser suggested we do outreach with emails and door hangers, and Lorrinda Rice agreed and added neighborly reminders to parents and kids are appreciated especially when the parents might not realize what their kids are up to in the park.

Emily Faubel led a discussion of the 2023 event calendar. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10am on April 1st. Emily needs to find someone who is willing to wear the child-sized easter bunny costume. The spring clean-up will be April 29th from 9-11 with sandwiches and drinks provided afterwards. The garage sale will be May 6th from 8am – 4pm (the same day as the Country Club sale) and Rusty Divine will put an ad in the newspaper and asked that anyone who has anything ad-worthy to include to let him know.

Emily Faubel is looking for someone to head-up the July 3rd party this year. Please contact her if you can help out, she has a checklist of the things you would need to do. The group discussed that the party will be a bring-your-own food & drink, but there will be some tables and chairs provided. We will not be getting kegs this year. We are going to try to rent a

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large inflatable water slide. Kari Gentzler noted that our fire department is working out of a downtown fire building, but thought they would love the chance to come again. We plan on letting them put in an order for pizza that we will have ready for them when they come.

Emily Faubel reminded the group that our 100-year anniversary is in 2025 and we are looking for suggestions on how to celebrate. Mike Wortman said he and some other neighbors belong to the downtown Rotary Club and they do an annual auction for a tour of our neighborhood where the winning people come and have some food and drinks, walk the neighborhood, and visit a few of their houses. If anyone has anything they'd like to add about their house on the tour you can mention it to Mike.

Emily Faubel introduced the next agenda item for the street signs and West Pershing street repair. Tom Piccini and Emily have been in conversation about the signs and Emily did try to call the city contact to get more information, but the receptionist said it was basically a done-deal. Tom discussed with the group his concerns about the signs, the lack of communication the city has had with the neighborhood (especially since we have a historic designation), the inconsistency in which the city is doing the signage in our own neighborhood, and how the new one-way signs are actually "guidance" instead of regulatory (meaning lawful) and how that could impact accidents and fault. Megan Hershiser suggested we look to other neighborhoods to ask what they have done to make contacts with the city. Other neighbors mentioned that the city doesn't exactly consider us a separate neighborhood since we are part of Indian Village (other neighborhood leaders get invited to some city meetings and get to talk to the mayor). Stan Lukow suggested we create a Historic Neighborhood committee that can make inroads with the Indian Village and Country Club associations, make contacts with the city, and research what other neighborhoods are doing. Tom said he will start reaching out to the city to see if we can still make progress on improving the signage.

The group then discussed the repaving of West Pershing from 17th to Woodsshire that will happen this year. Tom Piccini said he used the city app for reporting potholes (UPLNK) to report all the issues with that street, and that seems to have lead the city to include this street in 2023 when they might have otherwise not. Tom encouraged everyone in the neighborhood to use that site to report the issues if they want the streets to improve.

Emily Fabel said the board needs your help! We would like to get some people lined up who would like to shadow a board member this year and then see about taking over from them next year. While discussing helping out the board, Heidi Piccini suggested that each street could have one volunteer to hand out leaflets about upcoming events/news because many residents ignore emails and websites. Rusty Divine said he and Drew Hofferber are working on a WordPress website for the HOA this year to replace Next Door. It will be a place to list events and download documents. Duane Jaecks suggested we should include historic information and mention the Lindberg memorial. Kari Gentzler said we should list what the time commitments and responsibilities are for board members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.