

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
26 AUGUST 2014

Call to order: Dave Borton, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at his home.

Attending: Dave Borton, Greg Reel, Chris Leinbach, Gordon MacDermott, Richard Cunningham, Ben Negrete, and Vicki Fernandez.

Minutes: approved from meeting on 27 March approved. Meeting notes from last, informal meeting, on 10 July, not provided. I will get this to members and we will vote on them at next meeting.

Treasurer's report: We have slightly fewer members than usual at this point in the year.

NNO review: Went well overall, well attended. There was slight confusion over the last flyer re food vs. ice cream at various sites. Will have each site make their own last minute fliers. Will add bottled water at each site. Discussed merits of ice cream vs. potluck.

City Issues: 1700 4th street: The project had applied for a variance, they want their mixed use building to be higher than West End zone allows. We had varying opinions re keeping West End as a village vs. allowing taller buildings as in downtown. Victoria presented comments on behalf of WENA, which she emailed to us all. Final comments were due 21 Aug. Biomarin R&D building and added parking: Will be at the Corporation Center near 101 and will be of the same style.

SMART/Quiet Zones: A meeting for public comment will be held tomorrow eve at the B Street center. There are also meetings planned for 18 & 29 Sept. We discussed pros and cons of ringing vs. horn blowing. We will be able to hear the horn in our neighborhood. Trains will run from 5 am thru into the evening. **Chipper day #2:** We discussed asking the City and Fire Safe Marin to allow us another chipper day, since it was budgeted for two days originally. **Vicki** will check with Stephanie Wait to see if this is possible.

Federation of Neighborhoods Report: There are fewer neighborhoods with associations now. The Federation is struggling. At the last meeting they discussed: a planned bike lane extension at Mission Street, a move to relocate St Vincent's and Ritter House to a more suitable location. Evidently, the buildings have been found and the proposal presented to the Mayor.

WENA Annual Picnic: There was a suggestion that a donation jar be placed at the food table this year. We decided to not get Giants tickets this year. Instead, **Gordy** will check with the Panama Hotel to see if they are interested in either donating or discounting a one-night stay to be offered as a grand prize. **Gordy** and **Chris** will begin collecting raffle prizes from merchants and will meet on Thurs, 27th of Aug to discuss which businesses will be asked. Flyers for the picnic are due out next week. **Dave** has offered to do this. There will also be a ½ page flyer to be passed out on the Wed. before the picnic. Ben, Gordy, and Chris will do signage creation/hanging.

Photography: **Vicki**. Thank you notes: **Gordy**. Change for Raffle will be provided by **Ben**. Selling will be organized and done by **Ben**, with help from **Gordy**, and **Jackie Moore**. **Dave** and **Ben** will get together to review supplies and left over drinks.

Richard and **Greg** will buy food. They will also meet with **Dave** re what food related

supplies we still have and what revisions will be made to their list. **Ben** will handle Beer. We will have water coolers provided by **Dave** and **Mark Baker**. Grills will start at 11:45 this year. Cooks will be **Sue, Gordy, and Chris**. There is a chance that **Donny** might be interested as well. **Anna Bischoff** will provide face painting, with the help of mom, **Barbara**. We need to be aware of the break/food needs of all our volunteers. The Lego people will come again. The same group as last year will provide music. **Anna** will order the tables/chairs, toilet, raffle drum, and jumpy house. **Gordy** will be available to receive them at David Baker's house. The jumpy house will come the am of the event. **Anna**: there are extension cords available, let Dave know if they are needed. Garbage management was discussed. **Gordy** will try to borrow some large plastic cans. Otherwise, we can line green refuse cans and label them for garbage, green can recycle and use boxes for cans/bottles. **Dave** will check with the recycle rep. to see if he would like to be, **not** present, at the picnic. WENA Website transfer: We would like to do this in Sept. **Dave and Richard** will meet first. Then **Richard and Vicki** will meet to refine the photo gallery. Miscellaneous Issues: We discussed an online pet registry for the neighborhood but realized that the website won't support this. There have been complains re off leash dogs annoying other, leashed animals. We can put a notice on the website asking people to keep their dogs under control, especially when approaching a leashed dog. There is a new dog shelter at the Milo site. There are issues with barking dogs again. We will advise residents to call the police or Code Enforcement re this issue. Perhaps there should be tighter supervision by the City or the Humane Society. We will ask Victoria about the use permit. No one has received a notice re this business.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Fernandez