

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
6 NOV 2012

Call to Order: Dave Borton, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the home of Victoria DeWitt.

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

Absent: Donny Sellenriek, Chuck Eisenhower

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Annual Picnic brought in a total of \$1379, which includes proceeds from the raffles and donations for picnic. Taking these earnings into account, the picnic cost WENA \$92.33. This leaves us in good shape for the coming year.

New Business:

Picnic Review: It is estimated that ~ 200 people attended this year. The raffles were a great success! We did run out of food a bit early this year. Suggestions were made to improve next year's efforts. We could add a pasta salad, as in years past, and buy more beef burgers. All the beef was used as well as most of the veggie burgers. We need more onions, tomatoes, and to refill the water cooler more often. Richard suggested that we place the bun table in front of the grill both to remind people to pick up their buns (so to speak) and to better direct the flow of humanity. It would give the grillers a buffer. It was noted that we would need more Dawn for the bubble mixture for next year. There was also a need for serving utensils for the tomatoes/onions/chow mien. Dave will check supplies to see if we have them already. We discussed purchasing a new, user-friendly awning for next year. The nourishment of the Lego worker was provided for, but we needed to also pay more attention to the breaks/feeding of the crafts people and barbeque people. Richard offered to think through a way to provide rotation for the cooks. Vicki said she would take on the monitoring of the crafts and Lego people.

Holiday Party: This will be held at the Baker's house on Neame on 2 Dec from 2 – 5 pm. We discussed considering buying Holiday themed plates for the party. Inventory of our supplies is scheduled to take place at Dave's home on Sat. 24 Nov at 4 pm with Greg, Gordon and Ben helping. Dave will send Evites prior to the party. WENA Board to bring light snacks and sweets. We already have wine and beer. Sodas and water need to be supplied.

Newsletter: We want to distribute them the week of the 19th of Nov. So all articles should be turned in to Janice ASAP, at least by the 14th. There will be: blurb re building applications and permits so far this year by Victoria, possibly a blurb re the real estate market status by Janis, a picnic blurb which thanks Chrysanthemum for their donation by the Prez., a short mention of the new eateries in the West end by Greg and Victoria, mention of the Holiday social as well as blurb on disaster preparedness by Dave.

Annual Meeting: We discussed various venues. And decided to approach Stapleton studio to see if they would let us use their room. It was quite comfortable and had the air of a meeting room. We will need to rent ~ 50 chairs. We will scale back the food to munchies like cheese and crackers, chips, etc. instead of buying them from local restaurants.

National Night Out: We discussed whether or not we want to participate in this event. It would involve 4 – 6 smaller groups of neighbors getting together on a Tuesday eve. We

would need to find willing organizers in each area who would then bring neighbors together for that evening for a block party. We discussed doing this in addition to, or instead of the annual picnic. Nearly unanimous decision was made to keep the picnic. The Night Out requires more thought. Will discuss again.

Ongoing Projects:

Website Revamping: Richard reported that he has evaluated several Website programs and feels Weebly is the best. It's free, easily managed. **Dave and Janis** will review it.

Vicki will attempt to add photos. If she can do it, anyone can!

Grove Hill Pathway: Dave will be getting a cost estimate for the city for design and building the path from Pete Peterson. He has been quite busy but will now have time to do this for us for free! **Dave, Gordon and Richard** will meet with Pete to walk the path on Thurs 15 Nov at 1:45pm. They will work out a meeting place.

Electronic Payments: Ben checked with Mechanic's Bank. Looks like it will be too complicated to do through them and be able to capture the personal info needed for our records. **Dave** mentioned that the Sausalito Yacht Club has a program called Event Brite, which works well. He will gather info for us. Richard offered to help as well.

Federation Meetings: Greg and Gordon are attending these. Homeless issues comprise most of the meeting time. A series of meetings have been held in the community to get suggestions and input. This has resulted in more Police patrolling and a decrease in the amount of loitering. It was noted that Safeway and the 7-11 lose a lot of money in stolen liquor every day, which they believe is mostly taken by homeless people. This is an ongoing process.

Smart Train: They have gotten an increase of funds to help with the Quiet Zone issues.

Building Permits: Victoria reported that the G Street building proposal fell through.

Gordon offered to check with the city to verify this. It would have caused many parking issues. There have been no other recent permit requests.

Victoria asked if there were interested Board members for her to train in ferreting out info on planning issues with the city. It would be helpful to have several people who could get the pertinent info when projects come up. Then we could better field and represent neighborhood issues/fears with relation to proposed projects. Dave offered to be involved. We will ask our two newest board members if they have the interest/time to become involved.

West End beautification: The need for maintenance of the median strip is ongoing. Gordon has been keeping an eye on it. Picking up garbage. He requested to be in charge of the strip again this year. **Thanks Gordy!**

WENA and Community: Since we have a small surplus in our account, we discussed planning small community supporting events such as Chipper Day. We will discuss further.

Dates for events in 2013:

Board Meeting: 24 Jan

Annual flyer: Due in Feb

Annual meeting: a date between 28 Feb and 4 March- will depend on venue

Board Meeting: 28 Mar

Board Meeting: 23 May

Summer social: 23 June (unless we participate in National Night Out)

Summer Newsletter: Due in July

National Night Out: Held on 6 Aug

Board Meeting: 22 Aug

Annual Picnic: 15 September

Board Meeting: 24 Oct

Winter flyer: 1st week in Nov.

Winter Social: 8 December