

**MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING OF
WEST END CIVIC ASSOCIATION INC.**

The undersigned, being the Secretary of West End Civic Association Inc. (the "Corporation"), herby acknowledges that the actions set forth below were taken at the Regular Meeting of the Board on September 21, 2022, via Zoom.

Participants

Jose Alicea, David Barrett, Jeremy Baver, Kyle Bergquist, Dorothy Buckley, Phillip Cloutier, Lindsay Ewing, Jon Harding, Lakisher Hurst, Joe Linhart, Guy Neumann, Nealie Newberger, Mary Pelletier, Rob Peters, John Rose

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

2. Review of Board meeting minutes from June 15, 2022. Motion to approve the June minutes as written (Barrett), seconded (Harding). In favor – many; opposed – none; abstained – none; Motion passed.

RESOLVED: The minutes for the WECA Board of Directors meetings on June 15, 2022, are approved.

3. Finance Committee Report

4. Executive Committee Report

- Linhart: Expand Porchfest by renting porches to pop-up shops. Will be considered at the committee level.
- Pelletier: Should survey membership about desired uses of the former Hartford College for Women campus. Kyle will assist.

5. Calendar of Events

- Rose: The AH&R walking tour of Little Hollywood will be on October 23rd
- Harding: Planning a social hour for November or December

6a. Nominating Committee

Cloutier, Podolsky, and Sheehan have volunteered to serve. Motion to form the Nominating Committee with Cloutier, Podolsky, and Sheehan as the members (Bergquist), seconded (Barrett). In favor – many; opposed – none; abstained – none; Motion passed.

RESOLVED: The WECA Nominating Committee is formed with Phillip Cloutier, Rafie Podolsky, and Erin Sheehan as members.

6b. Standing Committees

Motion to merge the Community Engagement and the Membership Committees (L. Ewing), seconded (Neumann). In favor – many; opposed – none; abstained – none; Motion passed.

RESOLVED: The WECA Community Engagement and Membership Committees are merged.

Motion to create an internal Fundraising Committee to support other committees and the overall organization in fundraising efforts (L. Ewing), seconded (Neumann). In favor – many; opposed – none; abstained – none; Motion passed.

RESOLVED: A WECA Fundraising Committee is established.

Motion to confirm Architectural History & Resources, Beautification, Community Engagement & Membership, Economic Development, Education, Housing & Renters, North Branch River, Planning &

Zoning, Public Health & Safety, Social, and Youth Committees as “Standing Committees” (Barrett), seconded (Bergquist). In favor – many; opposed – none; abstained – none; Motion passed.

RESOLVED: The Architectural History & Resources, Beautification, Community Engagement & Membership, Economic Development, Education, Housing & Renters, North Branch River, Planning & Zoning, Public Health & Safety, Social, and Youth Committees are WECA “Standing Committees”

7a. Structure of Future Meetings: How do people feel about virtual meetings versus in-person meetings?

- Pelletier: Membership meetings can be in person, but Board meetings should be virtual.
- Linhart: Zoom makes meetings more accessible.
- Peters: Like the convenience of Zoom meetings. Have we reached out to the Law School and Seminary as potential venues?
- Bergquist: Spoke with the Seminary in the spring but didn’t know our needs at that point. Also reached out to the United Methodist Church but did not hear back. Noah Webster School is prohibitively expensive because reservations must run through the central operations office. Like the Connecticut Historical Society facility, but it is not centrally located in the neighborhood. Have not reached out to the Law School.
- Barrett: Also consider the 1st Church of the Living God on Whitney. The UCC Conference Center at Fern and Girard was okay for Board meetings in the past, and they didn’t charge.
- Bergquist: Seems to be a consensus that we like virtual Board meetings because of the convenience but should consider all options for membership meetings.

8. Other Business

- Linhart: Two Economic Development ideas
 - Convert Evergreen snow emergency parking lot to a park/playground
 - Give it a fun name like Evergreen for Everyone
 - Reached out to Aimee Chambers (City Planning Director) about the availability of the lot but have not heard back
 - Floated the idea on a neighborhood Facebook group and found many who liked the idea, and many who wanted to use it for parking full-time.
 - Brand the stretch of Farmington Avenue between Sisson and Whitney
 - Consider WestSide Square
- Pelletier: Two questions
 - Outcome of the fence application at The Village?
 - Their proposed brick and iron fence was approved
 - Can we engage Clemens Place about their parking lots over the Park River conduit?
 - John Rose is in touch with them about the upcoming walking tour

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nealie C. Newberger
WECA Secretary