

## Woodmont Country Club

### Membership Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

**Board Members Present:** Rick Devitte  
Carol Belland  
Mary Eun  
Debra Seiler  
Jeremy Brewer  
Mitzi Gligorea  
Rorie Zajac

**Board Members Absent:** Sue Clarke, Jennifer Jacobson, Sharon Morehouse

**Call to Order:** Rick Devitte called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Roll Call:** Members signed in upon entry to meeting. There were 33 households represented, which constitutes a quorum. This sign in method allowed for a shorter meeting and was well received by members. Rick Devitte asked new WCC members to stand and introduce themselves. Four new members did so.

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Guest speaker:** City of Des Moines police chief George Delgado gave an update on department issues.

- He spoke of his belief for department transparency in the various communities and how they work together. He said Des Moines has not been unaffected by the latest regional violence.
- Graffiti – Chief Delgado recommends neighbors snap a picture before cleaning up graffiti. Send picture to the City as they can track specific graffiti artists.
- Staffing – The department is in the process of increasing patrol officers by three. The department will then have five officers and one sergeant. He has also created a new detective position which will escalate communication with adjoining communities.
- Burglaries and mail theft continue to be the biggest crimes reported.
- New surveillance camera program - Citizens can register their cameras and this is thought to help catch burglars. Members should check the police website to register.
- Homelessness continues to increase in Des Moines.

Member questions were as follows.

- Is there much support from King County? All counties and communities are strapped for resources at this time.
- Paid parking in Marina – will this help with crime? Department belief is that it will over time.

**Minutes:** Carol Belland presented the minutes from the May 2016 meeting as well as the March 2017 meeting for approval. Minutes were handed out to members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

**President's Report:** Rick Devitte expressed his appreciation to members who had provided feedback on methods to reduce the time of the meetings. Having a sign-in table instead of calling roll had saved time and allowed members to mingle with neighbors.

- Rick thanked Mary Eun for her hard work as Treasurer, Rorie Zajac for her excellent writing skills and Jeremy Brewer for his diligence in accomplishing many maintenance projects over the past few months.
- Rick continued with thanking the rest of the Board for their hard work and service and committee volunteer Trish Davis for her hard work on membership renewals.
- Rick explained to the members that he had contacted the city of Des Moines about their "trespassing program" and registered WCC. We will be soon posting No Trespassing signs, which will allow us police support when we make calls about trespassers.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Eun reviewed the current treasurer's report which was provided to the members. The report was approved as presented.

**Budget 2017-2018:** Mary Eun presented the WCC 2017-2018 budget. She reviewed the proposed income and expenses. The budget was approved as presented.

**Board Elections:** Carol Belland presented the current slate of candidates for Board positions for 2017 -2018. She thanked the current Board for their willingness to remain in their present positions for another year. The slate of candidates was approved as presented.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Trees** Rorie Zajac told the membership that a letter had been sent to the City of Des Moines about their expressed concern over falling trees in the Canyon. Members will be advised of the City's response when it is received.
- **Membership:** Trish Davis pointed out to members that their membership card had changed somewhat. The new gate code is on the front and info on the WCC social media sites is included on the back of the card. She also told members that they would receive car decals when they paid their membership. These could be displayed on the front window of the vehicle so cars parked in the Plaza can easily be identified. She also informed the members that a new directory will be coming out in August. She had a list that members present could update their directory information if it had changed. She then displayed new WCC logoed hats that can be ordered for \$10.
- **Communication:** Rorie Zajac encouraged members to go to the WCC website as it was full of useful information including the calendar of events and information on reserving the Plaza.

- **Maintenance:** Jeremy Brewer reviewed reported that there were 37 volunteers for the spring Clean-Up. This is the highest number of workers in many years. He thanked them for all their efforts. He also explained that even though the sport court surface had been successfully cleaned, a replacement of this surface will be in the near future. This is an expensive project and the board will be addressing this in the coming year. Jeremy also told the membership about repair of the North Beach stairs. WCC member Josiah Clemmons will take this on as his Eagle Scout project. WCC will pay for all materials. The worked is scheduled for the first weekend in June.
- **Social Media:** Mitzi Gligorea invited members to join in for Friday nights at the Plaza. This is a casual event to allow neighbors to get together and chat Friday evenings at 7PM. Mitzi also explained that she will create a private WCC Face Book page. Neighbors can use this to have neighbor to neighbor discussion, post yard sales or pictures etc. Members will receive an invite to join via email. The other WCC Face Book page is to be reserved for WCC events. Mitzi also told members about the lending Library that will soon be constructed in the Plaza. There will be a box for children's reading as well as adults. Mitzi then thanked Karin Stender for volunteering the take the lead on the Kid's Parade to be held July 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers for this event should contact Karen Stender directly.
- **Plaza Reservations:** Debra Palmer Seiler reminded members that the Plaza reservation form is online at the WCC website. Days that are currently reserved will appear on the calendar.

### **Other Business**

**Good Bootlegger Guild** – Steve Edmiston invited members to join this fun event on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Stories of bootlegger Roy Olmstead will be told.

**Maury Island Incident** –Steve Edmiston and Terry Donohue encouraged members to join this event to be held Wednesday June 21, at the Plaza. This is the 70 year anniversary of what is known as the “1947 Summer of the Saucers”. New guests with new stories will be present for this event.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Carol Belland, Secretary