

MINUTES

West Hill Cambridge Council Board Meeting

June 23, 2022

Call or Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike Scuderi at 6:09 pm via Zoom; Crystal Blanco was excused.

Minutes / Agenda

The Minutes from the September 22, 2021 and November 17, 2021 General meetings were approved as submitted, as were the Minutes from the March 23 Board meeting. Two sets of notes related to the May 18 event were not considered official Minutes but will be filed as well.

Discussion on the Council Moving Forward

After a good deal of evaluation of the work of the Council and that impact on the well-being of the neighborhood versus the lack of interest in leadership, the Council Board will send forward to the General Membership at its next meeting scheduled for September 28, 2022, the following:

THE WEST HILL CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD PROPOSES THAT THE COUNCIL AMEND ITS BYLAWS TO DECLARE THE COUNCIL A “NON-PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCACY” WORK GROUP.

The Council will be going into a “hiatus” status following presentation of this adjustment to the General Membership. Mike Scuderi will contact Tracy Taylor, the Neighborhood Coordinator for the City of Kent to seek counsel and advice on this decision and possibilities for moving forward. The Council will maintain its official charter and financial assets and accountability for those. The Council will continue to host the website and to keep members informed via Facebook and NextDoor.

May 18 Event Evaluation

- The event was well attended (about 35+ signed in) which is considered good attendance and interest
- The food truck was a good idea
- The Council appreciates the presence of Mayor Dana Ralph and Councilwoman Brenda Fincher as well as representatives from fire and police. Holly will send formal thank you notes to each as well as to the principals from Star Lake Elementary and Evergreen Middle School for their attendance.
- Thank you notes will also go to those vendors who donated to the door-prize drawing: Circo Circo Restaurant and Watson’s Nurseries.
- Holly will contact the City to see about getting some of their photos taken at the event and will post on the website.

Other

The Council will continue its communication with FWPS and the City of Kent Parks and Recreation related to our support of **development of the playfield at Evergreen Middle School**. Mike will find the notes/action plan from the Parks Department stating that the playfield is on their radar and Holly will contact Michael Swartz to make sure that this communication/request stays in their project action plan.

Code Violation seems to be a common question for WHCNC – the board agrees that **directing neighbors to the City’s website** is encouraged.

Signage – Lanae will cancel the remaining sign order and save the funds allocated for future communication needs.

Future Meetings and Dates

The next General Meeting will be held on September 28. Holly and Lanae will try to work with Evergreen Middle School for use of the school for that meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned about 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Holly Isaman

Attested by: _____