Minutes

Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association

Members Meeting, May 8, 2023

Council members Joe Gatto, Connie Boesen, and Carl Voss were in attendance and took questions.

* Almost no neighborhood associations are meeting monthly right now, and some have gone to quarterly.
* Questions asked:
  + How do city residents attend and/or speak at council meetings?
    - Anyone can attend a city council meeting, but if a resident wants to speak, they must register ahead of time. Residents are limited to 2 minutes, so it may be beneficial to contact city council members ahead of time so they can introduce the resident.
  + What can be done about noisy vehicles and fireworks?
    - Unfortunately, not much. Police need a license plate to address vehicle issues, and someone must witness a person actively lighting fireworks and be able to identify them.
  + How can Pastor Byrd handle problems with people who don’t attend her church using the parking lot?
    - She’s spoken to the neighbors who leave cars there the most, and has towed several. Council members encouraged her to put up a sign indicating the parking lot is private property and violators will be towed, and then continue having them towed.
  + Any plans to add left-turn lane signals to Park Avenue at the Park Avenue and SW 9th Street intersection?
    - Council member Gatto said he’s brought this up to the traffic department but at this time they don’t have any plans to add left-turn signals.

**Board vote:**

Elizabeth Williams made a motion to keep the current slate of board members listed on the agenda – Dave Johnston as president, Becky Dewey as treasurer, Brad Greer as secretary and Andrea Greer as an at-large member. Aubrey Loffredo seconded. It passed with a unanimous vote.

New member nominations:

Karen Ladden, Dr. Ryan Shaw from Dental Associates, Jim Hugley, and Pastor Heather Byrd from Compassion Church of the Nazarene. Elizabeth Williams made the motion for each one, Aubrey Loffredo seconded, and attendees voted unanimously to add them all.

Returning member nomination:

Aubrey Loffredo made a motion to put Elizabeth Williams back on the board. Heather Byrd seconded. It passed with a unanimous vote.

**Joel Van Roekel – Parks and Recreation liaison officer:**

* 31 Miles Your Way and More taking place throughout May.
* Summer guides are available online and a limited number have been printed.
* Splash pads are open for the season.