

WCDC Meeting Minutes October 28, 2024

Meeting started: 6:46pm

Members present: Dave Laufer, Mike Killgore, Chuck Price, Vicky Mast, Arlene Winn

Minutes from the last meeting in September were approved as written.

Arlene Winn gave the financial report. Arlene stated that she had received an emailed financial statement from the recorder showing the balance of 2034.17 for the 'Brick Fund' (Heritage Wall expense fund - formerly held at US Bank). Arlene expressed concern that the balance shows no change despite receipts having been submitted to the recorder's office for reimbursements and such reimbursements having been received by WCDC members who incurred approved expenses over the last few months. It was noted that the recorder's office has had recent turnover and some updating of records may need to get caught up. Arlene stated she would stay in touch with the recorder regarding this issue.

The members present agreed that the balance of the brick fund needs to be available for WCDC projects and not for Heritage wall purposes only as was approved by Council earlier this year. The members discussed the potential that if the 'Brick Fund' balance was transferred to the City Budget line item it would be lost to the General Budget if not used for Project by the end of the fiscal year. The Commission intends to continue to discuss this concern with the City Recorder.

Heritage Wall plaques: Dave inquired if the plaque spaces requested by Lynne Greer and Mike Killgore are noted on the spreadsheet as reserved. Arlene confirmed they are.

Discussion was held regarding the plaque application process. All agreed that a printable application should be available on the City website as well as paper copies at City Hall. In addition, the current application will be modified by Arlene to include a line for requesting a numbered plaque location along with language explaining that once requested, locations can not be changed. Mike Killgore agreed to research how a link to the plaque application on the City website can be added to the Facebook page 'Celebrating Our Community'.

Mike Killgore stated he would talk to Corey Thacker about the timing of spreading the promised gravel at the welcome sites.

Dave noted that both welcome sites are in need of upgraded flag pole lights. Dave reported that he spoke with Scott Carlson who assured him that Public Works is planning on directly wiring lighting to the nearby pump station at the South site. The group discussed the direction of the lighting and a concern for regulations regarding 'light pollution'. Dave stated he would talk about this with PW.

Mike Killgore stated he had a type of light on his flag pole that might work for either of the sites. Mike and Dave will pursue this matter and possibly test it at one of the sites.

Discussion was had regarding changing the seasonal banners at the south site. Mike and Dave agreed to change the banners according to the schedule that was determined at the last meeting.

Mike Killgore reported that he archived the original 'Celebrating Our Community' Facebook page and created a new one. All agreed that a link to this page should be on the WCDC page on the City website.

Yard of The Month was presented to Melissa and Skeeter McGill. Dave shared the photo of Melissa in front of the sign with Mike for the facebook page. He will also get the address and share that with Mike also. Yard of the Month awards are finished for the year and will resume in May 2025.

Discussion was had regarding annual recognition of a Weston residence for best Christmas display. Mike and Chuck agreed to choose the recipient for this year.

A suggestion was made by Dave to table discussion regarding feasibility of a decorative wall near the Welcome sign at the crossroads of Bannister/Water Streets until January. All agreed.

Dave reminded the members of his suggestion to offer WCDC funds to help furnish an aquarium for the library. Arlene agreed to get further details about the project from the Librarian and the Library Board to help with deciding whether to move forward or not.

Mike shared his successful efforts to have local jurisdictions adopt an ordinance to display a green light on public buildings to honor Veterans. He would like to see Weston do the same. The Commission members liked the idea and praised Mike for his efforts but a majority of the members felt that Mike should pursue this great idea with the City individually and not as a WCDC project.

Dave reported that he had received an email from Jennifer Lantz informing WCDC that she is no longer on City Council and therefore is no longer the Council liaison to WCDC.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2025

Adjourn 8:19pm