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The following are minutes from the WAMM Civic Association meeting held December 10, 2012.

**Attendance:**

WAMM Officers Marcus Duffel, Lane Llewellyn, John Dascoulias and Kevin Begnaud.

Approximately 12 Residents and 3 visitors.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The WAMM bank account end of year balance for 2011 was \$1,650.61 as compared to 2012 end of year bank balance of \$2,359.73. Marcus distributed a summary handout and discussed details of 2012 expenses and the 2013 budget. Details on the safe deposit box rental and deed research were addressed. Revenue increased for 2012 due to more new members. Over \$400 in 2013 new revenue is budgeted for 2013. Lane asked about the \$300 deed search fee. For the last 3 years WAMM has researched the status of over 60 properties (approx. 20 each year). This expense varies each year and depends on how many searches are performed to confirm unknown deed restricted properties. There are only a handful left and will be completed this year.

Candidate for Treasurer: WAMM needs a 5<sup>th</sup> Board member to serve as Treasurer. This is currently an open position. David Shine is a candidate but was unable to the meeting due to a travel conflict. His wife Harlene Anderson conducts a business at 3316 Mt. Vernon. David has been intimately involved in the Stop Ashby Hi-rise project. Connie Watkins-McTopy is a candidate who was also not present at the meeting. Connie is a WAMM resident on Harold St. These candidates, if still interested in the open position, will be presented and considered at the next WAMM membership meeting.

**Montrose Management District:**

Lane distributed the MMD Newsletter and provided the following updates. Montrose Management District patrol had 80 felony arrests in November. Recycle events are doing well. The MMD promotes Montrose area businesses. Thursday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> is the Annual recycle event at Carter Bradshaw Funeral Home on W. Alabama. Christmas décor on Montrose next to Niko Niko's is done by the MMD. No new cameras have been added yet. Hours of Montrose patrol are Monday through Sunday 8am until 3pm and then back at 6pm. On weekends we have 2 patrol officers who are all HPD officers. 2013 budget includes new cameras. Cameras have proven to be effective. John asked for an update on the lawsuit and Lane said there is nothing to discuss at this time. MMD Board members are volunteers and non-paid advocates.



### **3300 Graustark Update:**

The City of Houston Planning Commission approved the re-plat of the property from 6 residential lots to 9 residential lots. Setbacks on Hawthorne of 15ft verses 18ft were an issue but have been resolved.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Tentative dates for 2013 WAMM membership meetings were provided by Marcus. Those dates are as follows:

- March 11<sup>th</sup>
- June 10<sup>th</sup>
- September 9<sup>th</sup>
- December 9<sup>th</sup> (Election of new officers)

Texas National Night Out – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

He also noted that the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting would be the election of new officers. Marcus and John are on their last term and cannot be re-elected to the same position as President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. A slate of candidates will be presented at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **2013 Membership Dues:**

Annual Membership Dues of \$25 are due in January 2013. We will include the membership form when this meeting's minutes are distributed.

### **Greek Festival Follow Up:**

Marcus had calls about illegal parking during the festival. Enforcement seemed to be very lax this year. Next year police will be involved early on with cooperation from the Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival Chairperson. Representatives from the Church will come to our meeting in September 2013 before next year's festival.



### **3300 Graustark Continued Discussion:**

Lane would like to reach out to buyers of 3300 Graustark and invite to the next meeting. The plat is approved but plans have not been submitted to the City for a permit. Marcus has asked Greg Valerie for a copy of the plans that will be submitted for permit.

### **Greek Orthodox School:**

Mark Kelly – principle of the school stated that GOS has entered into an agreement with the Greater Houston West University Sports Authority and will be moving all field events to a property on Wesleyan. This will lighten up traffic in morning and afternoon on Yoakum.

### **3400 Montrose Update:**

One resident asked for an update on 3400 Montrose at Westheimer. Other residents noted that it would be years before anything will be done. No development plans have been heard about the corner of Westheimer and Montrose. The owners are taking their time and want to do something that fits into the community per Lane.

### **Mandell Place:**

David Warren from Mandell Place Civic Association was a visitor and in attendance. They are contemplating combining with another civic association to the west of Mandell Place.

### **On Common Ground Publication:**

Several other civic associations use On Common Ground as a method of communication and Lane brought this up as an inexpensive way to communicate. We can try to coordinate this and Lane volunteered to look further into joining. Jason Gitsburg is president.

### **Parking Permits:**

Lane commented that anyone could pursue permit-parking restrictions on their street. WAMM can assist if any block decides that is desirable.

### **University of St. Thomas Arts & Entertainment Center:**

Marcus asked Greg to ask WAMM resident CC Conner if he has any updates on the proposed UST Arts & Entertainment Center. They are at least 3-4 years out from getting started.



**Covenant House:**

Carolyn Garrard from Covenant explained that the recent Vigil event was successful and raised over \$200K.

**Closing:**

Marcus closed the meeting at 7:05pm. WAMM's next membership meeting is March 11, 2013.