

Westmore Citizens' Association Meeting - October 19, 2021

The Westmore Citizens' Association meeting was called to order at 7:34pm via Zoom, with board members President Beth Iannetta and Treasurer Cheryl Dickerson. Ryan McCabe took meeting notes.

Halloween parade invitation at Westmore Park was noted.

**Treasurer's report:** \$2,240.22 with \$9.22 credits (1 paid membership); \$338 expenditures for picnic \$318 to Natural Red Catering; \$40 for games. Brings the balance to \$2,240.22. The \$40 for Bingo wasn't used and will be deposited back into the account.

Interest was expressed in comparing last year's balance compared to the current for NOV 2021 (talked about reasons for not soliciting due to COVID hardships).

**New Business:**

Proposal to add a meeting next year (22 FEB 2022) to get a head start on planning for next year (workshop-type); the motion passed unanimously.

There was a new application for Dogtopia daycare and boarding submitted to occupy the building where Weber's Pet Store used to be. It will include an outdoor play area and it asked for waivers to meet zoning requirements--needs to be 300 feet from the nearest residential structure but sits at 170 feet.

- Patricia made note of issues with noise control and trash/traffic control at the Fern street barrier.

**Old Business:**

Walmart/Lidl intersection: Beth spoke with a rep from AJ Dwoskin who owns the shopping center. They confirmed they do own it and are responsible for maintaining it. They are gearing up for their fall budget and start with paint striping and "puppy tracks", which are easy for them to include. However, Walmart and Lidl have the power to veto improvements the owner desires to conduct BUT are not held liable for any issues resulting from incidents caused by issues that could have been avoided by said improvements.

Panhandling: The issue was addressed, but not much can be done because it's on county property, not city, which could be handled. Beth will follow up with the representative.

Maura asked about why Walmart had not taken over the Lidl building, no answer was given.

Kamp Washington Small Area Plan: Attendees were encouraged to check out the website and there will be a meeting about it be Nov 18 2021 that can be attended virtually.

Patricia Zeiss suggested a common courtesy disclaimer in the newsletter for stop sign obedience, dog poop pick-up, and being respectful at the park (s) during and after hours. Foul language, behavior, and failure to pick up dog poop in yards and common spaces has been an issue.

- Penny Chu added a note about the non-emergency app to to report confidentially Ready311.

Vacuum trucks at old Westmore School park are now gone to do leaf work and will probably be back. The issue of deferred maintenance to the hard surfaced areas will be addressed with officials due to damages and neglect over the years. Beth is writing up a formal letter. Fairfax little league is the organization most impacted by reduction in parking space.

Penny Chu brought up the issue of people skipping school and hanging out smoking on the path by FFX Presbyterian 9-930am.

Whole Foods question came up? No answers (update, an Amazon Fresh sign was added to the building, pointing to signs of life).

Patricia: brought up issues of newsletter, discussed e-mail sign-ups. Winter will be last chance to sign up through the website.

8:37: meeting concluded.