

WPNA General Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2019
Memorial United Methodist Church

I. Welcome: Dan Strub welcomed new members. Acknowledged newsletter sponsors and newspaper deliverers.

II. Citizen's Communication

- A. **Mark Deloach:** Apartment complex on 1512 Wheless Lane, caught on fire several years ago. On Thursday, the city signed an amendment that doubles the amount of apartments that you can put on a piece of land with certain restrictions. We need to use property for best and highest use. Would like to get feedback from the neighborhood about what they should do with property. City is requiring a high percentage of low income housing.
- B. **Gaston Apartments** is having grand opening on May 22 at 10 am. Mayor Adler will be there.

III. Recognition of Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Jonathan Yu and Gwyneth Boyden, our two scholarship winners for 2018-19. Both recipients live in Windsor Park and have attended neighborhood schools. Jonathan will be attending UT Dallas and will study computer science. Gwyneth will attend Texas State and major in wildlife biology. Each student will receive \$1000. Thank you to everyone on the schools committee for spearheading this effort and to our entire community for your generous donations that have made this possible. Please consider giving to keep this dream going!

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IV. Presentation on Climate Change by UT evolutionary biologist, Dr. Anna Graybeal
“Climate Change: Science, Policy and Citizen Action”

Dr. Graybell gave an overview on the the current climate situation. She also spoke about the idea of a carbon tax bill. This idea would incentivizes consumers and producers and innovators. CCL Policy Design: 3 parts. 1. Tax on carbon- starts low and escalates every year; 2. Fee and Dividend: All the revenue is returned to households; 3. Border Adjustment: Imported products are taxed. Dr. Graybell spoke about the benefits we would see with the carbon tax and the work the Climate Policy is doing. She also spoke about the Climate Solutions Caucus, Bipartisan Leadership on Climate Change presenting a bill called Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act: effective, good for people, the economy and revenue neutral.

How can you help?

Projectgrandcanyon.com is a way you can be effective and get your voice heard. You can receive an email once a month with a reminder to call-in to your elected officials with reminders

about what to say. Other ways to get involved: talk about this topic with others. Reduce your own carbon footprint and exercise your political power.

V. Resolution on Climate Change stance: Martin Luecke

Changes from last meeting: Added “taking into consideration the concerns of the neighborhoods.” Additional prepared amendments to the climate change resolution:

1. In the section addressed to Congress, remove the bullet point that says, “Reduce EQIP set asides for livestock operators to zero.”
2. In the section addressed to Congress, after the fifth bullet point (“Ensure the removal of greenhouse gas emissions from manufacturing and industry as much as is technologically feasible.”), add the following bullet point:
 - Impose a fee on the producers and importers of fossil fuels, where fossil fuels include crude oil, natural gas, coal and their derivatives; and annually or more often, distribute the fees received to US citizens and lawful residents on a per capita basis.
3. To the paragraph near the end that begins, “Furthermore, WPNA acknowledges that the effects of climate change...”, add the following sentences:

“WPNA accepts the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as a scientific consensus on the topic of climate change. When discussing this resolution with legislators and the public, if representatives of WPNA wish to state other opinions, they will identify these as opinions as personal rather than WPNA’s. If quoting individual scientists who opinions are beyond the conclusions of the IPCC reports, representatives will clarify that the scientist’s opinion is outside of the IPCC consensus.”

Motion made to accept the resolution as amended. Motion was seconded, as amended. Committee will begin publishing lists of things you can do personally. We’re going to attach timelines to these ideas.

Additional amendment: Strike the word “to US citizen and lawful residents” to the second prepared amendment. Motion was voted on by the neighborhood association and passed unanimously. None opposed. Martin mentioned that this is the first type of amendment on climate changed passed by any neighborhood association. Jeanette recognized Drew Luecke for an Earth Day project she spearheaded at Davis School.

VI. Yard of the Month: Sara Jane Lee & Sharon Starrett

Bob & Beverly Jackson, 2302 Devonshire, are recipients of our May Yard of the Month. They will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. They have been in their home for 50 years.

VII. Approval of minutes from April 2019

Motion to approve was made and seconded. Minutes were voted on and approved unanimously.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report

Spent \$1000 and made \$2000.

Everyone who joined the WPNA from March 1- April 12 was eligible for the HEB raffle. Bruce Uphouse is the winner! Around \$7000 in the bank so our financial situation is improving.

IX. Committee Reports

Parks: Final planning meeting on April 22 for Pommerlau. Should move quickly for final approval. We will come to the neighborhood to discuss priorities for the development. Starting ideas: tree planting. Urban Forestry will plant and water trees for three years. Winter of 2020 will likely be planting date. We will be coming to you for funding.

X. Closing

Zero Waste Block Leaders: Dolly and Gloria are both trained leaders and would be happy to provide assistance to anyone interested in composting. Gloria is sharing her composting bin with neighbors who are not yet able to participating in the city composting program. Suggestion was made for Gloria to present this information at a future meeting and work with climate change committee, write article about this for WOW, etc.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved at 11:58 am.

