

DCNNW E Board. Membership Committee

Meeting Minutes Feb 17, 2025

Attendees:

Wendell Kluge

Sandy Kluge

Walter Jacques

Kay Bennett

Ted Garrett

Lonnie Austin

Meeting called to order at 6:00

1, Discussed the Proposed Web Page Development. Wendell brought up that we have not defined the specifications for the actual product to be developed. He did not think we should pay the developers until they deliver the product we want. After discussion it was agreed that the following steps will be taken. Ted Garrett will arrange for a meeting with Zach Garrett and Garrett Carroll, the developers, and Lonnie Austin, Wendell Kluge, Kyle Gandy, and Walter Jacques to first determine the specifications of the Web page, and secondly draw up a contract to be agreed to by all parties and thirdly to determine how and when payments will be parsed for both development and long term support. The specifications must include what users can see, who can load and edit information on the web page and if and how we restrict access to our information. In addition to the initial web page layout it was proposed that we also show names of Members, Block Captains and Patrolmen with restricted access to contact information. Must also agree to method for making payment for membership.

2. We discussed budget amendments that will include these proposals.

We will ask for membership approval to add a \$700 Expense to the budget marked specifically for Web Page Development. We will further direct the Treasurer to earmark \$165 out of the Community Visibility Budget of \$500 to be used for Web Page development. This will provide a total of \$865 for Web Page development. Lastly we will direct the treasurer to earmark for the City Wide Neighbors Night Out a total of \$500 of the \$600 budgeted for Social Events. These budget changes will not produce a deficit in our overall balance of funds.

3. We proposed that membership approve a By Law Change that will allow members to pay a one time fee for a life time membership in our watch association. It was agreed that a membership fee of \$250 will procure a life time membership for all members of a single household. Life time members will be recognized meritoriously in our newsletter and on our web page.

4. We discussed how to recruit more Block Captains and Patrol Volunteers. Wendel suggested that we amend our by Laws to certify full membership for one year to any member

who signs up a new member who becomes a Block Captain or Patrolman with three months pf becoming a member.

5. We reviewed the newsletter draft copy and a number of changes were proposed. These changes will be incorporated into the newsletter before it is submitted for publication. We would like to distribute the newsletter before the March 21 Meeting of all membership.

6. We discussed the proposed Neighbors Night Out plan for June 21, and concluded that although there have been many good ideas discussed, until the March 6, meeting with DC Chamber of Commerce, DC City Officials and all Watch Presidents, where everyone actually commits to provide various elements of an action plan, the event is not yet confirmed, Support include monetary and personnel to get things done.

7, Walter proposed that the name of the neighborhood watch association be changed to Del City North Neighborhood. Dropping the term "Watch" makes the association name sound less imposing or narrow in it's scope. Lonnie suggested that the name be Del City North Community. Wendell had suggested almost a year ago that we erect signs that say something like "Welcome to Del City North." We need to survey membership to see what they think.

8. In a meeting prompted by s letter from DCNNW that included representatives of Del City Code Enforcement, City Councilman Tatom and DCNNW Officers, we were informed the provisions in the Municode, the official documentation that governs action to abate nuisance property, were adequate and there was little the city was willing or able to do to "stiffen" the code. We were informed the best course of action by DCNNW is to report situations where a nuisance is observed. We will inform membership at next meeting.

9. We discussed the expansion of the Sign Committee to become a more inclusive city wide action committee. Wendell proposed a sub-committee of volunteers to paint all the fire hydrants in our area. The city will provide the paint and we will provide the labor. Secondly, Del City Code Enforcement has informed us that many times a nuisance property where junk and debris has accumulated is the result of people enduring financial or physical hardship and are unable to cope. We will bring the question to membership do they agree for us to notify the Code Enforcement people that they can call on us to help with neighborly assistance when the need is present and the home owner is agreeable.

Meeting adjourned 7:15

Lonnie Austin, Membership Chairman