

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting of West End Citizens Association

March 25, 2021

West End Citizens Association Officers

Brian Shipley, President

Noreen Bryan, Vice President

Donna Sprague, Vice President, Outreach

Jen Timmick, Treasurer

Jane Pontius, Corresponding Secretary

Margaret Magner, Recording Secretary

Meeting Attendees in addition to Officers:

- WECA Executive Board members: Liz Baldacci, Bill Burchett, Maggie Hadley, Seldon Higgins, Kate Ostell, Rose Slater, Bob Treseler, Patricia Woodward, Kevin Zaletsky
- Participants: Monique Ashton, Marlene Berg, Peggy Blake, Lynn Cash, Alexandra Dace Denito, Jack Gelin, Willie Hill, Audrey Hill, Susan Hoffman, Karlton Jackson, Denise Jackson, Jack Leiderman, Vicki McMullen, Bobby Newsome, Connie Newsome, Annie P. Rhodes, Nicola Denis Schnell, Joshua Denis Schnell
- City of Rockville: Ricky Barker, Beryl Feinberg, Bridget Donnell Newton

Call to Order:

President Brian Shipley called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcoming Remarks:

President Shipley welcomed everyone to the meeting and summarized the meeting topics.

Special Presentation:

An Evening with Seldon Higgins

- Longtime West End Resident and WECA Block Captain Seldon Higgins, who recently published his life story, spoke to the group, sharing stories from his life and answering questions. Noreen Bryan moderated.
- Mayor Newton made a proclamation of the City's appreciation to Mr. Higgins, the framed version of which was simultaneously presented to Seldon at home on Zoom camera by his daughter Connie Newsome.
- Councilmember Monique Ashton thanked Mr. Higgins for sharing his story and explained what it meant to her family.

Business Items:

Nominating Committee

President Shipley proposed a Nominating Committee of Jane Pontius and Bill Burchett be formed to find and present candidates for the officer positions in advance of the May annual officer elections, especially for the Vice President of Outreach role which will be open.

Motion to do so was made by Margaret Magner and seconded by Noreen Bryan. It was approved by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jen Timmick said WECA has \$2,770.47 in WECA's business account. The only activity in February was writing a donation check in memory of Dennis Cain to the Mansfield Kaseman clinic.

- **Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2021 meeting**

Jane Pontius moved to accept these minutes and Bill Burchett seconded. The minutes were approved by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

- **Report from the City and Police Report**

In view of the special presentation at this meeting by Mr. Higgins, Hjarman Cordero from the City and Lt. Berry of the Rockville Police each provided bulleted summaries of news items. These will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on April 22 by Zoom. With a theme of "Issues and Action", this meeting will be dedicated to discussion by Block Captains of issues going on in their blocks, the topics of greatest concern to neighbors, and how WECA can engage on these issues.

Adjournment:

A motion was made, and was seconded by Jane Pontius, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.