

Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Association

Meeting Notes

Date: November 18, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Meeting Agenda & Notes

1. Welcome and Introduction

- **Speaker:** Marlon Hammons
- Opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

2. Dinner Sponsor

- Dinner was sponsored by Ali.

3. Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes/Treasury Report

- **Reader:** Patricia McCallop
- Reviewed minutes from the prior month's meeting.
- Report was presented.
- A motion to approve the reading of the minutes and the Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and carried.

4. Guest Speaker: Sergeant Jerry Steel

- Introduced himself and addressed resident questions regarding:
 - Gunshots in the area.
 - Linwood Shopping Center concerns.
 - Drug activity on 27th Street.

5. Guest Speaker: Chelsea Hernandez (Interim CEO, Seton Center)

- **Services Provided:**
 - Dental clinic.
 - Social service programs, including pantry, clothing closet, and service vouchers.
 - Happy Bottoms, back-to-school assistance, and Christmas sharing programs.
- **New Program:**
 - Community children's mental health program.
 - Therapy for ages 10-18, family therapy, and virtual options available.
- **Volunteer Needs:**
 - Daily volunteers needed.
 - Adopt-a-Family program: \$60 per child. Contact Stephanie Scott for more information.

- A motion was made to adopt a family through Seton's Christmas Sharing Program. Robin Humphrey will work with Chelsea to share information with residents.
- The list of items to purchase will be distributed to residents by **November 29, 2024**.

6. Exceeds Expectations

- **Presenter:** Marilyn Chappell
- Assessments were distributed to residents.

7. Civic Youth Leads

- Presentations by Damon and Dakari.

8. Housing Developments Discussion

- **Facilitator:** Marlon Hammons
- Engaged residents in a discussion about desired housing developments, emphasizing affordable housing.

9. Guest Presenters: Housing Development Options

- **Beau Hamilton (CHES Inc):** Discussed first time home buyer opportunities.
- **Larry Meyer & David Feingold:**
 - Proposed manufactured housing for homeowners.
 - Represented Tikkun KC (501c3) and DaR Investment (for-profit company).
 - Shared information on renovating existing housing and modular housing for affordable homeownership.
 - Highlighted partnerships with banks to secure loans for new buyers.
 - Highlighted a specific property listed on the land bank website.

10. Community Resources

- **Julie (Community Action Agency):** Shared information about their programs and services.

11. Elections

- **Facilitator:** Sheron Fulson distributed election slates.
- **Vote Counting:** Miss Linda (Blue Valley) tallied the votes.
- **Election Results:**
 - **President:** Robin Humphrey
 - **Vice President:** Kay White
 - **Secretary:** Patricia McCallop
 - **Treasurer:** LaTanya Liggins

Meeting Adjourned.

