



**West Hills Community Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2025**

*Attending: Jerry Erpenbach, Jeff Bailey, Divina Morgenstern, Ginger Milligan, Sarah Brengle, Susan Seaman, Ross Dempster, Clarence Hill, Drew Mallard, John Heins, Steve Ellis, Anne Crais, Kathy Scruggs*

**Welcome, Call to Order, and Opening Remarks:** Lee Hume, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The 60<sup>th</sup> Dogwood Arts Festival celebration held at John Bynum Park last Saturday went very well. Special thanks go to our Dogwood Arts neighborhood liaisons, Michael Moore and Christine Martens. WHCA's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Neighbor of the Year awards were also successful. Please e-mail Lee or John Heins with any ideas or suggestions for next year's events.

Announcements were called for and **Anne Crais** announced that the scheduled date for the Pickleball Tournament this past Saturday was rained out and it will now be held this coming Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are 23 teams registered to play.

**KPD report:** No officer was present. Lee mentioned that there had been a squatter seen under the interstate bridge on Wesley Road. KPD has been contacted.

**Events Committee:** Our annual Easter celebration in the park was a big success and well attended. Ginger Milligan, who coordinated the event announced that 2,025 eggs were hidden and competition brackets were held for 3 age groups. Those who attended had a great time. Lee thanked Ginger for stepping up and handling this event. Ginger remarked that she had overspent on items for this year's events, but these items will be used next year

**Treasurer's Report:** Divina Morgenstern gave the treasurer's report.

Checking Balance- \$1,612.66  
Saving Balance - \$18,936.36  
**Total Funds - \$20,549.02**

A motion was made to approve the report and all voted in favor.

**Minutes:** March minutes were approved after inserting a change from the word "port-a-potty" to "handicapped bathroom". Kathy Scruggs, secretary, will revise.

**Finance Committee- Ross Dempster:** We discussed whether we should extend the offer to those paying dues during the 2025 door-to-door campaign, to include an extra year's membership with payment for the current year. By vote, dues will only encompass the current calendar year. The Finance Committee will research Venmo as a dues collection alternative.

**Healthy West Hills:** Anne Crais asked everyone to do the Knoxville City Parks and Recreation citizen survey. Its purpose is to provide guidelines and ideas for the Parks staff to grow and improve the city parks in the future based on what programming citizens would most value. There is also a tentative plan to place women and men's bathrooms in an existing park building in John Bynum Park.

Yoga is offered for free at John Bynon Park on Tuesday nights at the gazebo at 6 pm.

**Neighborhood Codes Enforcement:** Between 25 and 50 houses in our neighborhood are on the enforcement list. The city promises that they will take citizen complaints and respond in a timely manner. Lawn grass is to be no taller than 12 inches.

**Zoning: Clarence Hill** announced that the final vote on approving the one-year plan concerning duplexes will be voted on in City Council tomorrow at 6 pm. There is no current news about the development on Middlebrook and Broome Road, but the project is still on.

Lee announced Mickey Shelton has resigned from the Board. Lee is looking for a replacement.

John Heins made a motion to donate \$500 from the WHCA treasury to the Wolf Pack Foundation to benefit West Hills Elementary School. Davinia affirmed that there were adequate funds in the treasury for this. All present voted and the motion passed. Several suggestions were made. The first was to ask the Foundation to post on the West Hills Elementary electronic sign in front of the school that a donation was made by the WHCA to the Wolf Pack Foundation. The second suggestion was to designate that the money go toward playground equipment for all the students and neighborhood children can benefit. Both ideas were approved.

Lee Hume noted that the City Council will meet tomorrow for the second and final vote on the removal of building standards for duplexes and removal of standards for their location. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Lee asked if he could let the City Council know tomorrow that the West Hills Community Association has taken a position against the removal of duplex criteria and location standards. All were in favor of allowing Lee to present this.

Lee noted that Scott Lawn Service currently mows the grass and does maintenance on the signs and asked permission to continue bartering advertising in the WHCA newsletter in exchange for his services. All present agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Scruggs, WHCA Secretary

Approved