



## West Hills Community Association General Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Attending: Kathy Scruggs, Lee Hume, Anne Crais, Ginger Milligan, Drew Mallard, Divina Morgenstern, Donnie Ernst, Susan Huskisson, John Heins, John Rosson, Louis Whittemore

**Lee Hume, President**, opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

**Treasurer's Report: Divina Morgenstern** gave the Treasurer's Report. There are currently 310 dues-paying members. Lloyd Davis has completed an audit of the finances from 2024 and has found no irregularities.

Balances in the treasury as of April 21<sup>st</sup> are: Checking \$1,363.21 + Savings \$17,131.51 =  
Total \$18,494.72

**Minutes: Kathy Scruggs** has been having issues with her computer and approval of the April minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.

**KPD Report: Lieutenant Bumpus:** Police Department is currently holding a training academy with new recruits. The area around the overpass on Wesley Road is being monitored as it attracts the homeless. The city is considering a fence or some kind of barrier to resolve the issue. **Anne Crais** commented that books from the Little Free Library are disappearing around the neighborhood.

**Divina Morgenstern** mentioned that the area near Walmart is attracting people who solicit cars for money at intersections as well as being used for homeless gatherings and encampments. Solicitation charges carry a \$150 fine but are difficult to enforce. **Lee** cautioned that giving money to panhandlers like this only encourages others to do it and the best way to lend a helping hand is to donate to legitimate agencies that can address homeless needs and concerns without enabling them.

**Guest Speaker: Sheryl Ely from the Knoxville Department of Parks and Recreation** was our guest speaker. She explained that Parks and Rec is currently in the process of collecting input from Knoxville City residents to get ideas for programming and improvements residents would like to see in their neighborhood parks in the next 10 years. This project is named **Play Knoxville, the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan**. They also would like to collect data on how much an increase in Knoxville property tax rates respondents would be willing to pay if these additions exceeded the current City Budget. Within the city of Knoxville, there are currently 55 city parks, 2 senior centers,

and 9 dog parks. Please go to ***Play Knoxville.com*** to complete the survey on-line. The survey ends the last day of May.

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification/Drew Mallard:** The Dogwood Arts Festival was well attended and received. Thanks to all who participated and helped. The second round of choosing the Yard of the Month is in process. Thanks to Ilsa Woods and the 9 AM gardeners for initiating these West Hills projects. Ellenberg Nursery has donated dogwoods and begonias at some neighborhood entrances.

**Communications/Hurley Thurston:** There are now 594 community members on List Serv. Anyone wanting to sign up for this can go to the website: [West Hill Community Associationknoxville.org](http://WestHillCommunityAssociationknoxville.org)

**Events/Parks/Hospitality/Ginger Milligan:** Our annual summer potluck picnic will be at the Gazebo in John Bynon Park on June 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided. There will be a bike ride on the Greenway after dinner. Ponderosa Petting Zoo will be back as it was a big draw last year.

**Finance/Ross Dempster:** Please encourage your neighbors to use the West Hills Association website to join and pay their dues.

**Healthy West Hills Anne Crais:** May 31<sup>st</sup> is the scheduled rain date for the Pickleball Tournament. With the \$500 given to Healthy West Hills by Wesley Neighbors, an additional wind screen was purchased for the pickleball courts at John Bynum Park. Please take a few minutes to complete the Parks and Rec survey.

**John Heins** announced that a \$500 check from WHCA was presented to the Wolfpack Foundation for use by West Hills Elementary School for its playground. The playground is open during school hours, as well as school after-hours. West Hills used their electronic bulletin board to thank WHCA for their gift.

**Lee Hume** announced that the new duplex standards for neighborhoods passed the City Council with no amendments or modifications in spite of advocacy for them.

**Clarence Hall** announced that the new housing development at Middlebrook and Broome Rd has begun to tear down the existing building on the property and new construction will begin soon.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Scruggs, Secretary

Approved