



## **Mt. Washington Community Council**

### **Board Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2024, 7pm**

#### **Welcome and Call to Order**

A meeting of the MWCC board was held via Zoom link on this day. Jaime called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

We had a quorum since all board members were in attendance: Jaime Castle, Karen Luken, Priscilla Elgersma, Kristina Kew, Rick Meador, Michael Gray, Margeaux Selig, Jack Diesel, and Julie Rimer.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Karen made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Julie seconded, and the meeting agenda was adopted.

#### **Reading of and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting of December 2023**

There was no board meeting in January 2024, so there were no minutes written.

In this meeting, we were voting to approve the board meeting minutes of December 6, 2023. Kristina suggested a correction to the Pumpkin Chuck Recap in which the minutes said, "It isn't worth having event insurance." Kristina suggested modifying that to read, "It isn't worth having weather-related event insurance." Julie has made that correction to the December 6, 2023 minutes. With the assurance that the correction would be made, Kristina made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Michael seconded, and the minutes were approved.

#### **New Business**

##### **a. New Officer Elections/Delegation of Roles**

Jaime asked for nominations for each board position. Each person was welcome to nominate themselves. The final positions are as follows:

President: Jaime Castle

Vice President: Karen Luken

Treasurer: Kristina Kew

Secretary: Julie Rimer

NSP Manager: Karen Luken with Priscilla Elgersma's help

Pumpkin Chuck Chair(s): Priscilla Elgersma and Margeaux Selig

##### **b. EV Charging Station**

Cheri Rekow-Georgiades, a transportation consultant, in conjunction with Wendy O'Neal of the MWDC, will be presenting a proposal for a Mt. Washington Electrical Vehicle Efficient Recharge (EVER)

project at the February 21 meeting. This project involves the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot owned by the MWCURC. Rick stated he thinks this is a wonderful opportunity for the business district stores. He also thinks it might encourage residents of Skytop Apartments to come to Mt. Washington to shop while charging their vehicles.

Concerns were raised about the rate at which the MWDC has been trying to get sign-off on this project and the language used on a MWDC petition that could be interpreted to already have obtained the full support of the MWCC and MWCURC before a presentation had been made to either organization.

c. NSP (projects from the board, if any)

We discussed the lower level of NSP funding we will receive this year. Last year, Mt. Washington received \$9700 in NSP project funding, but we will only receive up to \$7300 for approved projects in 2024. We discussed some of the areas of need in our community, such as beautification and funding for Stanbery Park events. While we would like to do a postcard event again since it was very successful in 2023, resulting in such achievements as the most successful drug takeback event ever, it is cost prohibitive. Margeaux suggested that in lieu of mailing a postcard, flyers with a QR code could be posted in the windows of local businesses. The flyers would explain that scanning the QR code would allow people to learn about upcoming Mt. Washington events like the ones that were on the 2023 postcard.

d. Website language

Jaime suggested we need to add information to our MWCC website that explains the process of engagement and the timeline for obtaining a Letter of Approval from the MWCC. We hope this will reduce dilemmas like the one we faced in 2023 when we were given two days to send a Letter of Approval for Guardian Angels' request for a liquor permit. (We declined to act on that request because that was not enough time to respond.)

e. Pumpkin Chuck duties and timeline

Priscilla said this year's Pumpkin Chuck would take place on November 2. Priscilla plans to set up a meeting to begin delegating tasks. Karen said we should complete a flow chart timeline of each step that needs to be done to prepare for the Pumpkin Chuck. All documents related to Pumpkin Chuck planning should go into a Pumpkin Chuck 2023 Google Docs folder.

f. Choose a date and place for an in-person social meetup.

Jaime suggested we meet at Big Ash Brewery on Sunday, February 18, at 5pm for a get-together of the new board.

g. Open a CD to earn interest on some of the money in the MWCC checking account.

Kristina suggested putting \$10,000 from the MWCC checking account into a 6-month CD to earn some interest. All agreed it was a good idea and Kristina will do so.

**Unfinished/Current Business**

There was a discussion regarding the current climate between the MWDC and the MWCC. We want all community organizations to be transparent and to communicate with each other as we believe this is

the best way to make Mt. Washington better for all residents. This goal has been hard to achieve since the MWDCDC meetings are not open to the public and they rarely present to the MWCC membership.

### **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

#### **Good of the Order**

Rick thanked Julie for taking down the Christmas garland on the cemetery fence. We all welcomed Margeaux and Jack to the board and look forward to working with them.

#### **Adjournment**

Julie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Priscilla. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer  
MWCC Secretary