

WGPOA BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2025

ATTENDING: Katherine Wright, Casey Criswell, David Fuller, Yvonne Olson

FINANCIAL REPORT: [A complete financial report will be sent separately.]

Treasurer David Fuller distributed:

- checking account register for year-to-date
- “2024 Actual/Replaced With 2025 Actual Expenses”

There was discussion of how to present budget vs. expenses – they need to match. David will meet with Casey to get help with updated financial reporting.

Budget is \$17,125. There is still \$12,400 in checking account that should be reinvested into interest bearing account – money market or CD. David will investigate and recommend the most financially advantageous to community.

Board feels dues must be increased to provide the services residents want. We cannot count on regularly receiving the Firewise grant that has reimbursed us for leaf and stick pick-ups in the past. Already the availability is 18-months rather than annually. Discussion on amount – several small increases were suggested, or just raise it to \$300 all at once. It’s likely to be a “hard sell” no matter what is selected. Even the larger increase might not cover the increasing costs of leaf & stick removal into the future.

David questioned the need to move account to Member One. He will compare fees from current Truist account. Previous treasurer Judd Fredstrom recommended the move due to poor service at Truist.

STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL: Casey and team cleaned up the fallen debris around the Pavilion, but it still needs to be chipped up and removed. After he retires in August he plans to coordinate another volunteer team to clear up the large amount of debris at the storage lot and remaining debris along community roadsides. He will rent a chipper and chip all the collected debris.

David contacted VDOT again and they agreed that they should have removed the dangerous hanging branches on Windridge Parkway in the initial debris clean up. VDOT will come back and remove them.

FIREWISE: Katherine distributed copies of Nancy Bell’s email with update on Firewise program. She has met with Erik Platt, our Forestry representative to update the community’s “hazard assessment,” including possible evacuation route. Nancy has completed the grant draft for his review, but Erik had been sent to California to help with wildfires there, so the work will resume upon his return. Nancy requests the board establish a bid process for hiring contractors for community leaf and stick pick-up. If board agrees, the Firewise Committee will handle the process.

MOWING: The front entrance area is not being mowed – it is supposed to be included. Katherine & Jamie Wright mowed it themselves. [REDACTED] also is supposed to mow area around tennis courts. Casey will contact the mower and continue to monitor the service.

GOEHRING GAP TRAIL RELOCATION: David met with [REDACTED] and walked the route. Still plans to meet with Nancy Bell (Firewise) and Gregg Ferguson (Trails Committee) to implement a plan for relocation.

FRONT LIGHT SAGA: After spending \$500 on light repair they again don’t work. Steve Miller has been coordinating and says they are shorting out & tripping the breaker – he feels the initial equipment was very poor. He will need to re-dig to find the correct lines. Wants to continue to use [REDACTED] as electrician. Would likely cost the same amount as original repair. Board **TABLED** the issue until the budget is settled.

PAINTING CHAIRS AT PAVILION: David purchased paint for the metal chairs that Casey donated to the Pavilion. He will get them painted before the upcoming “annual meeting” (or other name), currently scheduled for October 12.

FALL MEETING: Yvonne suggested that actual voting on the ballot for WGPOA board members perhaps could be done electronically, which would give more flexibility in scheduling a fall meeting. And it wouldn't have to be promoted as an “Annual Meeting” – which always draws a very small group. Perhaps add a fun aspect, food, music, speaker. Targeted promotion may help increase attendance. Nominees for any available board positions could be solicited at the event. But may still need to do some business, especially financial, and project reporting. **Sunday, October 12,** was selected as date for the event.

VICE PRESIDENT POSITION: Unfortunately, board vice president Nelson Santiago has had to miss several board meetings due to family illness and obligations. He anticipates he may not be able to be an active participant for quite a while. To fill that position the Board voted for Casey Criswell, currently director-at-large, to assume the role of vice-president through this fiscal year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025; 4 PM, Yvonne's house.

Meeting notes by
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