BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Beale - Andy Mordhorst - Pennie Smith - Skip Vaughn - Heidi White – Bruce West.

ABSENT: Excused (Venus Dergan and Carl Mastberg) - Unexcused (Gorden Rolen)

ATTENDANCE: Other than Board members, presenters or City staff – 0

MINUTES: Motion made by Andy to adopt the December 4, 2015 board meeting minutes. Seconded and approved.

TREASURE’S REPORT: Pennie - STNC net worth on 1/31/2015 was $8,970.07. January expenditures totaled $255.06; $148.79 for landscape plants and $106.27 for the January newsletter printing, and mailing. Deposits were $2,312.61; including $1805.11 Innovative Grant reimbursement, $500.00 returned from TCC from Barsh’s Scholarship, and $ 7.50 in coffee fund donations. Checking account balance is $4,641.71. Audit Team for 2014 will be Chris and Bruce.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Carol Wolfe contacted Skip about the purchase of Manitou Community Center (possible State Farm Grant fund in the future). The person that would possibly purchase the property will keep the Art Center, Daycare, and Community Garden. The old part of the building would be torn down (Westside) and they would put up 15 Habitat for Humanity Homes. Heidi commented that 15 houses seems a lot for the amount of land and people in Manitou have talked about like houses on 50x100 lots and no duplexes or apartments. The community also invested in the field for children to play.

MEETING AGENDA:

Scheduled February General Meeting agenda items – Metro Parks report on the STAR Center and the Annual Report Review and approval. Possible 15 minutes for Melissa for the DePave project.

1. Potential meeting agenda items: Melissa - DePave project (not able to DePave the island on 66th and So. Tacoma Way because of cost), Issac Olsen (Read 2 me), Pierce County Prosecutor, US Open, Habitat for Humanity, Candidates for Loren Walker’s position on the City Council, council member for this area come to our meetings.

2. Innovative Grants: 74th & TMB Trees - Chris Beale: Tree Planting on February 7, 2015 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Meet at 76th and TMB. $148.79 is for the March planting on the Southside of the 66th Street Trestle.

3. Annual Report – Skip: Skip asked us to look it over and make comments. Draft Annual Report was sent to Carol Wolfe. 2015 Action Plan was looked over. Facebook page was discussed. Discussed getting minutes on the City’s website. Heidi is still confused on when she needs to send Carol the minutes. May send draft minutes for posting so comments can be given. Possibly put in the action plan to support the State Farm Grant.

No comments on the Budget. List all the habitat stewards. List chair instead of chairman. With the changes Andy motioned to adopt the Annual Report, seconded and approved.

Supplemental Annual Report (long version). Copies of the reports for General Members can be
requested via email. List all the habitat stewards for Oak Tree and Wapato Hills. Add Heidi as a graffiti cover up painter for the trestle. Andy motioned to adopt the Supplemental Annual Report, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE' REPORTS:

1. Executive Committee - Skip (Chair), Chris, Heidi and Pennie: No Report

2. Land Use Committee - Chris (Chair), John and Gorden – . Comprehensive plan has been updated for 2015. Outreach forms will be held and Chris suggested having them present at the Neighborhood Councils instead of separate meetings. Transportation Master Plan was discussed. Get info out to the public on what the City is planning for the next 20 years.

3. By-Laws Review Committee: Chris John? (Chair), Andy, and Gorden – No changes in 2014, but will again be reviewed in 2015.

4. Scholarship Committee: Pennie (Chair), Andy: -Pennie made a motion to include adults that live in the STNC area to also be eligible for the scholarship, but with much discussion decided to bring the scholarship papers to the next meeting and discuss this issue further with the board. Pennie is going to talk to the local community colleges and Bates Tech Colleges scholarship departments.

5. Membership Committee: Andy (Chair), Carl, Chris, and Pennie – No Report

6. Manitou Community Center Committee: Andy (Chair), Venus and Pennie – Discussed above

OLD BUSINESS: Chained Dog in Manitou - Venus; Heidi reported that the Venus is still waiting for TPD's information from the City on proof for why vet care and food specific to species was not included on the ordinance. Dog is still chained in Manitou

NEW BUSINESS: Newsletter Items – Mention the Water Flume Line Trail. Schools are growing vegetable plants for Community Gardens that have been established for more than two years. Put the Arlington meeting of being the second Thursday of the month in the newsletter. Skip is having a hard time sending out the bulk emails to general members. Pennie will send Skip info about the Arlington meeting. Include the Wapato Hills restoration project and Oak Tree Park. Agenda Items; Innovative Grants;

Heidi asked for a new recorder for the General and Board meetings because the recorder now does not support Windows 8. Chris motioned to allow the purchase of a new recorder, seconded and approved.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary
Manitou Representative