

Wainwright Cluster Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2017

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Attendees: Mark Waddell, Heather Robertson, Damien Deantonio, Michael Wood, Becca Manglanathan, Ryan Gordon, Wendy Quey, Erik Kemp, Tom Kamstra

Carol Benjamin, co-owner of 1765, died of pancreatic cancer at home on Friday, June 16. She was 78. She died peacefully in her sleep. Carol and her family lived in Wainwright Cluster for two periods. First, at 1741 from 1968 - 1977. Then, at 1765 from 1989 to the present. Her two sons, Christopher & Timothy, reside in the house now. Carol served as cluster treasurer from 1990-1996, after which she turned the job over to her husband, Dick, upon his retirement. Carol, along with Ruth Ruttenberg, developed the computer systems for the cluster which were used while she & Dick were treasurer. A memorial service was held at the Rose gallery on Lake Anne on June 22. Her ashes will be spread at her family burial site in Fayette County, WV at a 2nd service this Summer. Carol wanted a bench built and placed there so family members will have a place to sit. A granite bench is being made and we will convene when it is ready, probably in August. She was the youngest of six and the last to die. In typical WV fashion, the cemetery is on the side of a hill.

Meeting convened at 7:43pm in the middle cluster courtyard.

A motion was made to approve the May meeting notes, which was seconded and approved.

**Financial Director's Report:**

- Checking: \$31,932
- CD: \$16,325
- Arrears \$705

**Old Business**

1. **Concrete work:** Heather resent RFQ to the board, Mark requested the drawings Damien had drafted to accompany the RFQ, the board agrees it is ready to be sent out

2. **Spring Cluster Cleanup:** Damien has a list of non-participants, the work done in the middle cluster on the drain was undone when top soil and grass seed was laid on top so it will need to be dug up again, the red bud transplanted in the middle cluster looks like its dying but Cardinal said to give it a year to rebound

### **New Business**

3. **30 Ft tree branch in lower cluster:** Richard can chop it up, but Wendy recommended leaving it to benefit the ecosystem, Reston Tree has been called to come take a look
4. Michael mentioned that the raccoons have babies and are active – people need to make sure to put lids on their trashcans
5. Vantage Hill let Damien know that they will be treating for mosquitos all summer

### **Mail**

1. RA window approval of 1763 WW Casey's

### **Open Forum**

1743 is going up for sale and they are seeking a buyer before it gets listed Heather brought up the question of why are Wainwright houses valued lowered per square foot than similar properties like Colson Cluster? She would like to suggest that the board invest in a landscaping plan to pull it all together. She also offered that we explore updating the housing color scheme to allow for more individuality and end with a generally more modern look. Erik nominated Glenanne to play with the color scheme.

Michael would like to explore solar panels – we could brand ourselves as green energy with a strong community feel. There are also issues with the siding – we could explore alternative siding options and house numbers that are larger and more modern. Overall there needs to be a strategic plan for updating and keeping our properties appealing.

### **Closed Session**

The July monthly meeting will happen July 11 in the middle cluster courtyard or in case of bad weather, at Becka's house 1761.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Any questions may be sent to President Mark Waddell at [markw83@verizon.net](mailto:markw83@verizon.net)

Respectfully submitted,  
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