WORA Board Meeting
October 13th, 2026
Sandy's House

All board members were present.

Call to Order
The meeting started at 5:20pm. A quorum was confirmed and prior meeting minutes were approved.

Officer Reports
President Tom Kriek reported he was building relationships with other community associations in areas such as President's Hill, Eastport, West Annapolis and wants to continue new initiatives and partnerships with these associations, and he recently attended a parking alliance meeting with several of these association members and with City Manager Yolanda Lewis to discuss possible parking initiatives and solutions, such as working with USNA to quell midshipmen parking in resident spaces. This officer also made continued improvements to the membership website following its launch, and is researching tools and software that will allow for smoother automations and integrations between the programs WORA already uses.

This officer asked for discussion and a vote on a previously tabled motion from the September board meeting. The motion on the table was to include on every membership meeting agenda an allotted time for the Mayor and Alderman to speak to the attendees. After a discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed.

Lastly, the President introduced the idea of a new initiative where membership can reach out to WORA for help in reporting issues, filing complaints, and seeking help from the City for issues related to city services or city-owned property. The City has a "submit a problem portal" and "Anna311" portal on its website which can be used for submitting issues and complaints, but this officer is considering ways to come alongside residents in ensuring their complaints are heard and the City is able to quickly offer a solution. No formal initiative has been created at this time.

Treasurer Tom Berger reported that WORA's cash position remains solid at $5097. This officer is working on connecting Wix to Quickbooks to allow members to pay their membership dues via the website, and hopes this integration will help to automate renewals.

No vice president report.

No secretary report.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chairs Mike Sullivan and Tom Berger gave no report.

Bylaws Committee Chairs Anna Boehk and Tom Berger gave no report.

Advocacy Committee Chairs Sharon Kennedy and John Richards reported that they are considering writing an op-ed to ensure the City is aware of WORA's position and public dissension against their proposed zoning changes. Both officers provided testimony at the September 28 council meeting. A members-only advocacy survey is in development.

Communications Committee Chair Ron Gunzberger reported that WORA's social media strategy and the website rollout have increased follower growth and audience reach significantly.

Member Services Committee Chairs Anna Boehk and Bill Bray reported the status of the ambassador program and expressed that data on member locations within the ward would be helpful in expanding this program. The Paint the Ward Red initiative was discussed, and the board agreed to price out the costs of doorknob hangers and yard signs for Paint the Ward Red and PorchFest. A possible snow buddy initiative was discussed, with plans to pair volunteers with residents who are unable to shovel snow.

Social Committee Chair Sandy Scott reported that the November meeting will be hosted at the American Masonic Lodge and that January's meeting will be hosted at Colonial Players. Planning and coordination are underway for all upcoming fall and winter events, such as trivia and mahjong dates, and membership meetings. No dates have been finalized for the summer picnic/elections.

No Nominating committee report.

New Business

- A new mission statement, written by board member Michael Sullivan, was approved unanimously by the board.
- The next board meeting was scheduled to take place before the November 17th membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.