

**WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 2, 2013**

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church

Present were President Frank Haar, vice president Alison Baker, treasurer Gaye Tillotson, secretary Jon Rand and board members Maureen Hardy, Laura Lavalley, Dennis Young and Carol Gould.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Plans were made for Neighborhood Night Out on April 20. Mr. Haar said he had brought door prizes, which he would turn over to Ms. Baker right after the meeting.

Ms. Gould said it would be a good idea to encourage Street Ambassadors to attend Board meetings. She said she would send out letters to make Ambassadors aware of NNO. It also was suggested that WPHA hold a get-together with snacks and drinks for the Ambassadors.

Ms. Gould said she would get a list of businesses to solicit merchandise for welcome kits. She pointed out that the current kits from Southtown Council are not attractive to new homeowners. Ms. Gould asked whether Ambassadors should have welcome kits stockpiled to facilitate quick delivery.

Ms. Baker suggested kits include letters welcoming them, introducing Mr. Haar and the WPHA, and information about how to sign up for eNeighbors.

Mr. Haar said we were working on new letterheads.

Night at the K on June 21 was discussed. Mr. Haar said we were locked in with a \$200 deposit on file. Suggested ways to promote the event included putting contact information in eNeighbors and the newsletter story. To get the discount rate, residents must be a WPHA member as of April 30.

It was agreed that Mr. Rand would produce a four-page newsletter for mid-May, and a two-page newsletter before July 4.

Garage sales on May 17-18 were discussed, including the need to buy a classified ad in the Kansas City Star and post an ad on Craigslist.

For the Garden Tour on June 23, it was suggested that we ask landscaper Mike Allmon to identify attractive gardens to be featured on the tour.

Mr. Young asked about updating signs for Garden Tour to advise people to consult eNeighbors for more information. Mr. Young was told to spend what is necessary to update signs.

For the Fourth of July picnic, Mr. Haar said he has arranged for a fire truck and still needs to check on buying the meat. Mr. Young suggested we bring small stuffed animals for the Fire Department toy drive.

Ms. Tillotson reported that a Bounce House for the picnic is not covered in our insurance policy and that she would check on the price of a premium added to our existing policy. It was pointed out that we still need an activities coordinator, an emcee, and some help with preparing food. Ms. Tillotson said she will apply for a party permit. Ms. Baker raised the possibility that Hale Cook renovations might have started and that the picnic area might not be useable. It was agreed to go ahead with current plans, pending new information.

Mr. Haar reported a vote at the monthly CPAC meeting for police appreciation picnic. Mr. Haar said he would need volunteers. A meeting April 10 will determine the date for the picnic.

Ms. Baker said Mr. Allmon is waiting for the go-ahead to buy shrubbery and trees for beautification. She was quoted about \$1,200 for junipers and \$300 for a tree, for a total of about \$1,500. She also said she would look at urns to replace vandalized ones and get estimates. Ms. Baker made a motion to spend up to \$3,000 to finish maintenance on islands on 75<sup>th</sup> St. and on Terrace.

The minutes were approved. Baker said she would inspect a damaged urn at 75<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson and see if it is salvageable. Others are beyond repair. Ms. Baker moved to buy three or four urns, and the motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

