

## **Ward Parkway Homes Association Board Meeting**

**June 2, 2015**

Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 7406 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Laura Lynch, Maureen Hardy, Aaron Schwartz, Julie Wittman and Dennis Young.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Haar reviewed the 4th of July Picnic checklist:

Haar offered to bring a grill and charcoal to the event, and said Jon Rand was planning to coordinate meat, utensils, paper goods and ice.

Ms. Lynch reminded the group that WPHA was going to provide side dishes for the picnic, as food ran out early in 2014. She offered to buy small toys for kids participating in the bicycle parade.

Mr. Haar confirmed that Sluggerrr will attend the event at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Hardy confirmed that a KCPD fire truck would arrive at noon.

Board members agreed to bring WPHA T-shirts to sell at the picnic, and to have Sluggerrr help judge the bicycle parade. Ms. Baker said she would provide trashcans, wagon, tables, tablecloths, prize tickets, prizes and a megaphone.

Ms. Wittman explained the KCMO Neighborhood Block Party Permit process, and the board agreed to submit a permit application to close 73rd Street from Pennsylvania to Jefferson during the picnic. Ms. Baker will seek signatures from nearby residents, though no houses actually face 73rd Street. Ms. Wittman will check with the city about whether the board needs to use the city's barricades, seek a security deposit check for barricades from Ms. Tillotson if necessary, and will submit the block party permit.

Mr. Haar said Ms. Tillotson is in the process of renewing the homes association's insurance policy, which Hale Cook Elementary School requires as part of the application to hold the picnic on school grounds.

Ms. Wittman suggested scheduling delivery of the 4th of July fliers to homes the week of June 15.

The May meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Lynch provided an update on Garden Tour plans for June 14. Soil Service gift cards were purchased and delivered to garden hosts. Ms. Tillotson has cut checks for host snacks. Ms. Lynch, Mr. Rand and Ms. Wittman have dropped off event fliers at various local businesses. Ms. Wittman reported that event information is posted on the website, Facebook, eNeighbors, Nextdoor and Craigslist. Board members remarked that no one has received the Garden Tour fliers, which were supposed to be delivered to homes the week of May 25. Ms. Wittman offered to request the delivery vendor's contact information from Ms. Tillotson. Ms. Lynch said she would touch base with the vendor to find out what happened.

Mr. Haar initiated a discussion about website and Facebook policies regarding WPHA solicitations for endorsement from businesses.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to convene an executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Ms. Baker said the 2015–2016 membership drive mailing will be sent to residents the first week of August. Ms. Wittman and Ms. Lynch said they would work together on a flier highlighting volunteer needs that could be included in the mailing and used at neighborhood events.

Ms. Baker said she would contact Det. Brent Parsons with the Kansas City Police Department and request that officers patrol Hale Cook Elementary for illegal fireworks activity on July 4.

Ms. Wittman said Kansas City B-cycle stations will be installed in Waldo on the Trolley Track Trail at Gregory Boulevard and Wornall Road, and also at 74th Street and Wornall Road. Ms. Lynch suggested that this information be included in the fall newsletter.

Ms. Wittman asked if anyone knew what the traffic control cones were for at 75th and Wornall. The group discussed pedestrian crossings at several locations in the neighborhood.

Ms. Hardy said that the Waldo Pub Crawl is scheduled for June 13.

Mr. Haar said former board member Laura Lavallae could be a good recipient for the Shelley Cour Award.

Ms. Baker said she has asked Lynne Madeo to send an updating resident list to all board members.

The board progressive cocktail party was discussed. It was agreed that the tentative date of July 18 at 6:30 p.m. presented a conflict for enough board members that additional dates should be considered. Ms. Wittman said she would send out an online poll to the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.