

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2013

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church

Present were President Frank Haar, vice president Alison Baker, secretary Jon Rand, board member Carol Gould and Friends of Hale Cook member Sara Wiercinski. There was no quorum.

Frank Haar called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Haar reported that, as a partner with Friends of Hale Cook, WPHA has a contract with the city approving a grant for \$1,100 to place a bench on the Hale Cook grounds. He added that WPHA would pay \$316 to have the bench shipped and would issue a challenge grant to Friends to pay for installation. Ms. Wiercinski said the School District indicated it might be willing to install the bench. She said her group might generate enthusiasm for the project by asking residents to vote on the best location.

It was agreed not to renew "Night at the K" because only four discounted tickets were sold.

Ms. Baker discussed recruiting a beautification chair. She pointed out that the chair would have to mainly be an organizer because most of the work is contracted out. She reported that a tree at the 75th marker will be planted in the fall, and that Mike Allmon has finished scheduled recent plantings. Mr. Haar suggested we negotiate with Mr. Allmon for all beautification work while better containing costs.

It was reported that several neighbors have indicated a willingness to volunteer and have been invited to the October meeting.

Mr. Haar reported that, acting on a request by resident Bryan Mason, he has gotten the city to add a warning to stop signs at 72nd and Pennsylvania that indicate cross traffic does not stop.

Ms. Gould, Ambassadors chair, said her canvassing of the neighborhood showed 17 houses for sale.

Mr. Rand reported a strong turnout for the June Garden Tour, adding that a few hosts said they would prefer to give others the chance to be hosts next year.

Mr. Haar said he was pleased with the turnout and enthusiasm for the WPHA Fourth of July picnic and the Police Appreciation Picnic, in which WPHA participated, at the 75th and Prospect police complex.

There was a discussion of possible speakers at the annual meeting in October. Possibilities include speakers from Friends of Hale Cook and KCMO public works. It was suggested that turnout might be encouraged by moving the meeting to a local nightspot and offering food and non-alcoholic drinks, with a cash bar also available.

Ms. Baker reported problems at Hale Cook School with the dumping of a mattress and littering from used fireworks on the playground. Ms. Wiercinski said her group would bring this to the attention of Kansas City Schools.

Ms. Alison delivered the communications report. She reported that Adrienne Hill has responded to her request to update the WPHA website. She also reviewed the Ambassadors list with Ms. Gould and said it would be posted on the website.

Ms. Baker added that the dues renewal mailing had been sent out. Mr. Haar and Mr. Rand reported having received the mailing. However, the mailer told Ms. Baker that 118 residents out of 840 were not identified by name. Many of these properties are not owned by individuals.

Mr. Haar said he has discussed with Security Patrol chief Brent Parsons the problem of a storage pod in front of a vacant home on W. 72nd Street. Because pods often present a traffic hazard, especially at night, Mr. Haar said pod companies would be asked to follow regulations regarding their use.

Mr. Rand suggested the Board needed an organized strategy for delivering flyers regarding select events or else pay a company for delivery. Ms. Gould said she would solicit volunteers from among the Ambassadors, and Ms. Baker suggested neighbors who indicate they wish to volunteer might be recruited as "paper pushers."

Ms. Baker reported that Laura Lavallee was working on plans for a progressive Board dinner in the fall.

Mr. Haar cited the need for a readable electronic version of WPHA bylaws that he could update and edit, then submit for ratification.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.