

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 3,
2013

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church

Present were President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Maureen Hardy, Carol Gould, Laura Lavalley and Dennis Young, Friends of Hale Cook member Sara Wiercinski, WPHA attorney Aaron Schwartz and Laura Lynch.

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

Introductions were made.

The August minutes were approved.

Ms. Wiercinski presented an update on the bench that was acquired for Hale Cook School through a grant from Kansas City, with WPHA as a partner. The grant covers the sale price of the bench -- \$1,095, excluding \$405 for shipping costs plus \$91 in tax. A motion was seconded and a vote was unanimous for the WPHA to pay for shipping and tax.

The format for the annual meeting on October 8 was discussed. Mr. Haar discussed inviting city sewer officials, security patrol director Brent Parsons and a Friends of Hale Cook representative. It was decided the meeting would be held in the church basement meeting room and that cookies and water would be provided.

Mr. Haar explained the requirements to new attendees for becoming a director.

The newsletter was scheduled for mid-October and its contents were discussed.

Mr. Haar addressed Ms. Gould's question as to whether the Block Ambassadors should be treated as a standing committee under WPHA bylaws. Mr. Haar asked Ms. Gould to suggest a few sentences that could

be added to Bylaw 8.01, subsection 5. A vote on approval of the revised bylaws will be withheld until those sentences are added.

There was a discussion of residents who have indicated their desire to volunteer. Board members were assigned to contact each prospective volunteer. Mr. Haar reported he already had emailed each of those residents to make sure there was immediate follow-up.

Mr. Young questioned the effectiveness of posting yard signs to promote WPHA events. He suggested they were generally ignored.

It was agreed to promote the annual meeting on eNeighbors and Facebook.

Ms. Tillotson gave the financial report. She reported receipt of \$6,355 in dues from 187 homes and \$6,680 for security patrol from 135 homes. Also, 20 homeowners wanted newsletters mailed. Our bank balance stands at \$42,732.77. It was agreed to delay a vote on approving the budget until November.

Ms. Baker said the beautification budget would be slightly exceeded.

Ms. Baker discussed the efforts underway to identify residents, mostly renters, whose names are not on the WPHA roster.

Mr. Rand reported on the progress of the Home of the Month program.

Mr. Haar received an inquiry about WPHA paying for snow removal and said he would find out what Armour Fields Homes Association pays for that service.

Ms. Baker provided an update of Walmart's interest in building a store on the Bingham Middle School site. She reported on her conversation with Armour Hills Homes Association President Tiffany Moore and explained there will be a public meeting to discuss the issue with Kansas City Public Schools officials at Southwest High School at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 5. Several residents are concerned that the school district might need the Bingham site to meet the needs for another middle school. Mr. Haar and Mr. Rand said they would attend the meeting.

Mr. Haar reported on growing interest in forming an organization of area neighborhood associations. He said he had contacted Marti Lee at the Southtown Council for some guidance on how to organize such a group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.