

## WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 12, 2017

Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church  
7406 Ward Pkwy., Kansas City, MO 64114

**Board members present:** Vice President Alison Baker, Secretary Julie Wittman, Carol Gould, Maureen Hardy

**Board members absent:** Gaye Tillotson

**Other attendees:** Linetta Thurman, Nancy Bader, Bob Gould, Mike Allmon

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes for the Aug. 1, 2017, WPHA Board meeting – with the addition of Bob Gould as an “other attendee” – was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alison Baker reported that Julie Hull could use more volunteers for Harvesters food drive.

Carol Gould reported that the fall Neighborhood Night Out event is scheduled for Oct. 22 from 4-7 p.m. at District. Pour House + Kitchen with a budget of \$1,200 for food and beverages. There will be a photo booth, and Linetta Thurman will bring sidewalk chalk for kids. The event will be moved to an interior back room in case of rain.

Julie Wittman proposed a list of topics for the inaugural WPHA e-newsletter, to go out within the next 10 days. More than 250 residents have subscribed to the e-newsletter.

Linetta Thurman is still working to set up a Kansas City Police Department speaker on the topic of home security for the Oct. 3 annual meeting date.

Bob Gould reported on behalf of the Community Policing Action Cooperative. There has been an increase in crime at businesses, with windows and front doors kicked in to take lock box with money. Ring Video Doorbells can be registered with police so they can request access to video footage in case of an incident.

Baker reported on the recent membership drive. She hopes block ambassadors group can tackle getting updated contact information for current residents. So far for fiscal year 2017-18, 108 residents have paid member dues, and 81 have paid for the security patrol service.

Attendees discussed a potential board member slate for 2017. Gaye Tillotson, Maureen Hardy, Carol Gould and Alison Baker are willing to serve another term on the WPHA Board, though Baker does not wish to serve as an officer for the next year. Julie Wittman would like to step down as a board member and return to a committee level of involvement. Bob Gould, Nancy Bader and Mike Allmon are interested in serving as board members. Linetta Thurman would like to continue working at the committee level. Carol Gould will contact Ryan Underwood and Jeremy Lafaver to inquire about their interest in serving as board or committee members.

Baker led a discussion to review and modify the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18.

Mike Almond reported on behalf of the Beautification Committee. Of the 58 stone posts or entry structures in the neighborhood, many are in a state of disrepair. Two urns need to be reset to pedestals, 25 have stone degrading to a concerning level, 14 require tuck pointing, two urns are cracked and need resealing, the post on the northwest corner of 74th and Jefferson is settling and leaning, 16 have capstones fracturing significantly. Allmon recommends suspending new urn installation until the association decides on a phased approach for repairs based on estimates for the work.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Julie Wittman.*