

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 4, 2015

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 74th St. and Ward Parkway

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Carol Gould, Maureen Hardy, Aaron Schwartz, Julie Wittman and Dennis Young, State Rep. Jeremy LaFaver, and community representatives Ashley Beard-Fosnow and Alison Park.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:31

Board members filled out the Community Health Improvement Plan's quality-of-life survey. CHIP was represented by Ms. Beard-Fosnow and Ms. Park.

Ms. Beard-Fosnow asked for opinions on what improvements are needed to improve the quality of life and public health in Kansas City. She received numerous responses.

Rep. LaFaver asked about the frequency of the survey and was told it is conducted every five years. Ms. Beard-Fosnow said WPHA this is the seventh group she has surveyed during this cycle.

Ms. Tillotson reported a bank balance of \$32,653.01

Responding to a request from Friends of Hal Cook, sponsorship of a Hale Cook classroom at a cost of \$200 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Schwartz, the board attorney, suggested a general liability policy to protect WPHA from a costly lawsuit. Ms. Tillotson said we are paying \$1,100 or \$1,200 a year for liability insurance at special events. Mr. Schwartz suggested soliciting bids for a general policy and Ms. Tillotson said she would do that. Mr. Rand suggested making a list of at-risk activities and consider eliminating some or all.

Mr. Rand suggested suspending the Home of the Month program for lack of interest. No one objected.

The June minutes were approved.

Mr. Haar said the Fourth of July picnic went amazingly well and the street closing was effective.

Mr. Rand said Garden Tour was well attended.

Ms. Baker said membership dues letters were sent out Monday, Aug. 3.

A resident reported that a corner urn at 75th and Jarboe was spray painted by a vandal. Ms. Baker asked Mike Allmon, our landscape consultant, if the urns could be pressure washed and was awaiting a reply. She also said that four urns have yet to be planted.

Ms. Baker said she was seeking a beautification chair to replace herself because she does not have the time to fulfill that role. Mr. Rand said he would include that request in the next quarterly newsletter.

The annual meeting was scheduled for October 13 at 7 p.m. The food drive for Harvesters will be held in November. Ms. Alison said the next newsletter should highlight those events and include a reminder about dues for membership and security.

Ms. Baker said we should start discussing our budget in September and ratify it at the annual meeting.

Mr. Rand asked when the WPHA audit should be conducted. Ms. Baker suggested October.

Mr. Young complained about the hazards of a crosswalk at 74th and Wornall. Mr. Haar said he would email Det. Brent Parsons, head of our security patrol, to see what can be done about it. Mr. Rand said he would also ask that of Sergeant Charles Pearce at the next community policing meeting.

Ms. Wittman said Sept. 26 was the most popular date for the next progressive dinner. It was agreed to discuss details at the September meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.