

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Aug. 1, 2017

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

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

Board members absent: Gaye Tillotson

Other attendees: Linetta Thurman, Nancy Bader, Bob Gould

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

The minutes for the June 6, 2017, WPHA Board meeting were read and approved.

Alison Baker reported on 4th of July Picnic. Turnout was great despite the rainy weather. Need to plan for more meat next year.

Carol Gould volunteered to coordinate Fall Neighborhood Night Out for a Sunday in October. Resident Nick Wright is willing to help secure door prizes.

Baker reported that resident Julie Hull will coordinate Harvesters food drive, dropping off donation bags on Nov. 11 and picking up food Nov. 18. More volunteers are needed to help organize this project.

Baker reported that the Holiday Homes Decorating Contest will take place Dec. 8–10 with judging from 5–10 p.m. each night. Maureen Hardy will host the Holiday Caroling post-party.

Julie Wittman reported on progress with the e-newsletter that will replace the print newsletter. A signup form is now available on the WPHA website, and an email will go out shortly to all addresses on file to invite residents to sign up for the e-newsletter.

Linetta Thurman reported on a security audit that the Kansas City Police Department recently conducted at her house. KCPD is willing to offer free audits to anyone. The Board discussed inviting an officer to make a presentation on this topic at the Oct. 3 annual meeting or as separate event. Thurman will ask the officer about his availability.

Bob Gould reported on behalf of Community Policing Action Cooperative about recent crime trends. One auto burglary was reported in the neighborhood where a car was left running. Children's Mercy, KCPD and Grandparents Against Gun Violence are partnering to give out gun locks.

The Board delayed the September board meeting to Sept. 12 due to the Labor Day holiday. The next Security Committee meeting is planned for Aug. 29.

Baker reporter on behalf of the Beautification Committee that the post urn at 72nd and Terrace should be going in soon. The Board decided to recycle the Home of the Month sign, as the program is no longer in operation.

Baker reported on the 2017–2018 WPHA membership mailing (cover letter, membership form, volunteer form, return envelope). Wittman recommended including the security patrol flyer, and the Board agreed to this.

Baker reported on private security patrol costs. Detective Brent Parsons will increase fees by \$40 per week starting Jan 1, 2018, increasing the total cost per week from \$280 to \$320 (or \$2,080 annually). As of June 2017, 200 residents currently pay for the security patrol service. The WPHA is subsidizing the security patrol through the general fund because \$60 in security patrol dues doesn't cover costs. The Board estimated needing at least 277 residents to pay security patrol dues in 2018 to break even without subsidizing from the general fund.

The Board discussed increasing member dues increase by \$10 (from \$40 to \$50) in FY 2017–2018 to help offset the increased security patrol costs. The WPHA has increased the number of patrol hours from 20 to 36. Wittman moved to increase dues by \$10, and Baker seconded the motion. The Board passed the increase.

Baker reported that Hale Cook Elementary School has requested that the WPHA sponsor a classroom again for 2017 for \$200 to help teachers buy needed supplies. Carol Gould moved to approve and Maureen Hardy seconded. Motion passed.

The WPHA will elect board members at the October board meeting and a slate of officers at the November meeting.

No financial report was provided.

Nancy Bader proposed a future discussion about airBNBs, for which the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is currently reviewing regulations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Julie Wittman.