

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2019

Waldo Area Business Association
7222 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114

Board members present: President Nancy Bader, Vice President Bob Gould, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Richard Murray, Alison Baker

Board members absent: Secretary Mike Allmon, Maureen Hardy

Other attendees: B. Michael McFarland, Julie Wittman, Mario Vasquez, Linetta Thurman

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

KCMO Project Manager Mario Vasquez made a presentation about planned infrastructure improvements for Wornall Road between 74th and 79th streets, specifically at the intersection of 75th Street and Wornall Road, and on 75th Street between Wyandotte and Pennsylvania. For the remainder of 2019, the city will work to finish design, right-of-way acquisition and bid the project. Improvements include complete pavement reconstruction, more continuous pedestrian, bicycle and transit accommodations, as well as stormwater mitigation and retention. Construction is expected to begin during first quarter of 2020 and last 18 months because it will be phased in order to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction. At the same time, KCMO Water Services Department plans to replace the water distribution line along 75th Street from Holmes to State Line Road. The WPHA Board offered to help share construction information with residents and encourage the support of local businesses during the disruption.

Bob Gould made a motion to approve January and February minutes, and to accept Nancy Bader's proposed corrections to the December 2018 meeting minutes. Both were unanimously approved.

Gaye Tillotson reported on financials, which were provided to the Board via email. Funds brought in during the current fiscal year include \$12,941.32 in member dues and \$10,380 in security patrol dues for a total of \$23,321.32. Bader noted that the WPHA is \$6,260 short of its desired security patrol obligation for 2019 (we need \$16,640 total, or \$320 per week to cover the full year). A total of 277 houses paying for security patrol would enable the WPHA to break even on this expense.

Gould had no Security Committee report to share but will plan to hold the next meeting by the end of March. Linetta Thurman will attend the Waldo Area Business Association security committee meeting next week.

Richard Murray reported on behalf of the Membership Committee. Due to continued inclement weather, committee members have been unable to begin canvassing the neighborhood. The plan is to follow up with residents who were WPHA members in 2018 but

did not renew for 2019. Bader asked the committee to compare member benefits and non-member benefits and propose ways to differentiate the two. Murray and B. Michael McFarland recommended making sure a WPHA Board member at every event presents information about the homes association and a call to action for membership and security patrol.

Alison Baker arrived at 7:51 p.m.

Bader reported on behalf of the Beautification Committee. An idea under consideration is a plant sale for Mother's Day or Father's Day to raise money in support of other beautification projects. Could buy plants at discount, possibly through Mike Allmon, and sell for more than cost. Committee will examine the logistics further to assess feasibility for a plant sale in June.

Bader asked whether homeowners with urns on stone pedestals should be given the opportunity to buy plants through Allmon at wholesale cost. A discussion followed about the challenges of planting and maintaining the flowers, and the fact that most residents in the neighborhood don't receive the direct benefit of free flowers for privately owned urns. The WPHA Board agreed to communicate via letter to homeowners with urns that the free flower delivery program would be discontinued. The letter will ask urn owners for ideas to beautify the neighborhood that are more sustainable for everyone.

The next Beautification Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waldo Area Business Association.

Julie Wittman proposed ideas for the March newsletter, including a new ongoing feature to profile neighborhood residents, starting with WPHA Board and committee members.

Baker reported on plans for the WPHA Easter Egg Hunt on April 7, with an inclement weather date of April 14. The event has two new coordinators: Allegra Klossen and Amanda Rhodes. Baker will serve as the WPHA Board representative during the event.

Board members discussed timing for the Neighborhood Garage Sale and decided to hold the event on Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8. A discussion followed about how to collect and promote participating sale addresses to the public. No firm conclusion was reached about how best to do this.

The WPHA Board decided not to plan a spring Neighborhood Night Out event due to challenges with April timing and manpower is a challenge. A discussion followed about how to replace Neighborhood Night Out with more micro events this year. Murray intends to plan several membership happy hours called WPHA Thirsty Thursdays, which would be marketed to adults.

Baker reported on plans for the Harvesters Food Drive. Coordinator Julie Hull wants to move this charitable effort to May. Once exact dates have been determined, the WPHA will seek additional volunteers to assist with bag distribution and collection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Julie Wittman.