



Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021

Held via G-Suite Conference Call

Board members present: President Nancy Bader, Vice President Richard Murray, Secretary Amanda Rhodes, Alison Baker, Alex DeMasi, Maureen Hardy, B. Michael McFarland, Becky Schubkegel

Board members absent: Treasurer Gaye Tillotson

Other attendees: Robin Ganahl; Jordan Glasgow; Drew Rogers; Linetta Thurman

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Nancy Bader. A quorum was present.

Guest Introductions: Bader introduced Robin Ganahl. Ganahl is a Brookside resident who has submitted a request to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“PSC”) regarding transparency on gas leaks in neighborhoods. In short, Ganahl wants gas companies to make leaks public like in other states. She noted that the company has the necessary information, and she is just requesting them to publicize it. She stated that she heard back from the PSC about three weeks ago, and it has opened a matter on the issue and is exploring the request. Ganahl is requesting that neighborhood homeowners’ associations express support for the request. She has requested feedback by May 6th.

Linetta Thurman inquired as to the feedback Ganahl has received from community groups. Ganahl noted that she has not reached out to every group in Kansas City, but about 15 groups have responded positively so far. Thurman further inquired as to how a resident can get a gas company to fix a problem. Ganahl responded that the first step is making the information public. If there are concerns about the criteria for fixing an issue, that is the next issue to pursue after this one. Thurman asked if there may be issues regarding explosions. Ganahl noted that the purpose of the transparency is not to create alarm. While high-risk issues are a greater priority for resolution, any leak presents some concerns. She further noted that a gas leak affects climate, trees, and increases the risk for asthma.

Vice President Richard Murray stated that the WPHA can include a link with information on the website and the newsletter. Ganahl noted that she believes there will be a community meeting on April 29th, and she will send further information on that.

Ganahl inquired if the WPHA supports the request to the PSC. Bader asked the Board members if there were any concerns on the endorsement. No members expressed opposition to the endorsement. Ganahl will follow-up via email with additional information to disburse to residents. Board members thanked Ganahl for spearheading this request and providing the information.

Bader then introduced Drew Rogers and Jordan Glasgow. She noted that they are new residents of the neighborhood and members of the WPHA.

Minutes from the March 2, 2021 WPHA Board meeting were reviewed. Bader moved to approve the minutes, and Murray seconded. The March 2, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Gaye Tillotson was absent from the meeting and did not provide a financial report in person, however one was provided via email prior to the meeting. Bader noted that members should direct any questions to Tillotson via email.

Thurman then noted that her Security Committee report was provided via email prior to the meeting. Murray thanked Thurman and Jim Anderson for continuing to attend CPAC and WABA meetings. Bader wanted to highlight the streetlamp replacement note in the Security Committee report. She asked Board members to encourage residents to report streetlamp outages.

Next, Murray reported on Membership Committee activity. He noted that the Mid-Year Membership Drive is not happening this year. Instead, the committee will highlight the monthly recurring membership option. Murray also noted that the committee is discussing membership dues and may bring that to the full Board at a future meeting.

Bader then reported on Beautification Committee activity. She stated that Complete Turf and Landscape recently sold to Kansas City Clippers. She noted that she met with the new owner and went over the expectations. She will continue to monitor the financials on landscaping and maintenance.

Next, B. Michael McFarland reported on Communications Committee activity, which was provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. He reminded Board members to provide comments on the draft newsletter by Wednesday.

Events Update

Secretary Amanda Rhodes then provided an update on the Easter events. She noted that approximately 50 children attended the Easter Bunny event at the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church. She also noted that the Easter Egg Quest submissions have been received and there will be 5 winning homes this year. Those raffle baskets will be delivered later this week. Rhodes thanked Becky Schubkegel and Murray for their assistance on the planning of the events, Alex DeMasi for serving as the Easter Bunny, and the other volunteers for their help.

Next, Bader provided an update on the Harvesters Food Drive. She reminded members that the pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. Currently, 21 residents have volunteered to drop-off and about half of that have volunteered to pick-up. Therefore, she is requesting that Board members be ready on an as-needed basis and let residents take part in the experience.

Murray then provided an update on the Dumpster Day event. He noted that he is currently securing a location and has a company in mind. He reminded the board that the event is scheduled for May 8th and further noted that some items may be excluded, as determined by the cost and the company.

New Business

Bader discussed the potential of returning to in-person Board meetings. She noted that the WPHA cannot meet in person until social distancing and the mask orders are lifted, but she would like to look into returning to in-person Board meeting once that occurs. She further noted that she will contact WABA and inquire as to use of the facility. She asked Board members to monitor their emails for further discussion on this topic.

Maureen Hardy then discussed the WPHA Garage Sale. She noted that it is listed in the newsletter for May 14th-15th. McFarland stated that those dates are based on the calendar. Discussion ensued regarding how to publicize the event. Murray stated that he will brainstorm publicity ideas and create a marketing plan for the event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Amanda Rhodes.

*** This meeting was held via G-Suite conference call pursuant to the [Covid-19 stay-at-home order](#) issued by Mayor Quinton Lucas on March 21, 2020.**