



Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023

Waldo Area Business Assoc.

7222 Wornall Rd, KCMO 64114

Also held via G-Suite Conference Call

Board members present: President Richard Murray, Vice President Amanda Rhodes, and Secretary Alex DeMasi, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, B. Michael McFarland, Drew Rogers, and Maureen Hardy.

Board members absent: Alison Baker

Others present: Jim Anderson, Mary Scholbe, Sarah Schlachter, Melissa Quearry, and Eron Dawkins.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Eron Dawkins, Community Engagement Specialist for the City of Kansas City, Missouri Neighbourhood and Housing Department introduced himself to the WPHA Board and members in attendance and provided information regarding his department's services. Mr. Dawkins is the code enforcement officer assigned to the area. Dawkins will investigate complaints regarding trash, grass, or any other nuisance or violation related to housing.

The June 6, 2023 meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Richard Murray. A quorum was present. Murray moved to approve the May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes; Alex DeMasi seconded. The May 2023 WPHA Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will meet in June and will likely push action out to the board for the Board's approval.

Security Committee: KCPD security patrol has increased their rates from \$35/hour to \$50/hour. This is an effort to entice off-duty officers to sign up for patrols. The Country Club Plaza and Crossroads businesses are paying \$75/hour, which is more competitive.

Membership Committee: No updates.

Beautification Committee: The island on 72nd Terrace in bad shape. Drew Rogers reported plans for tulip planting in the fall and will orchestrate weed control. Jim and Maryann Anderson pulled up dead plants and put in a new beautiful plant in the Madison Avenue Monument.

Communications Committee: B. Michael McFarland provided the statistics on recent communications. There were no additional updates or questions for this committee.

Events Committee: Nancy Bader submitted her formal report for the Harvesters Food Drive. On Saturday, April 29, we had our annual food drive for Harvesters. This event is the primary charitable event for our homes association and represents the generosity and compassion our residents have for those less fortunate by giving food and durable goods requested by Harvesters. Because of that kindness, we collected 186 bags, totaling 1903 pounds, equaling 1586 meals. Harvesters was on hand that day to help collect the bags with a van and driver. This is the second year we worked with Dave Herdman, their driver and ambassador. We enjoy a great comradery and look forward to working with Dave next year.

The event was carried out over a month's time with 24 volunteers delivering bags and/or picking them up on the collection date. Bader would like to thank Hy-Vee for providing over 900 bags to use for this event. Bader also would like to thank the following WPHA residents for their volunteer efforts: Nancy Berry, Gail Borelli, Julie Brogno, Rachel and Chris Dold, Nancy Gacek, Terry Hage, Bradley Hammitt, Sarah Hammitt, Rita Harris, Blake Haywood, Dave Hill, Tom and Vallie Hogan, Katherine Lawler, Chris Meier, Judy Paulette, Trisha Pitts, Jon Rand, Sarah Schlachter and Justin Hutman, Juliann Tapko, Linetta Thurman, Jackie Vigil, Julie Wittman. Bader would also like to thank the following WPHA Board members for their assistance: Alison Baker, B. Michael McFarland, Richard Murray, Amanda Rhodes.

The first Thirsty Thursday is June 8th from 4:30 p.m.- 6 p.m. WPHA will host three more Thirsty Thursdays this summer.

The Summer Picnic has 15 volunteers, with only 2 volunteers from outside WPHA. This is a great turnout. This event will take place on June 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hale Cook Elementary. This event will take place rain or shine.

New Business:

Jackson County Assessments: Murray wanted to remind everyone that there is nothing we can do as a homeowner's association regarding assessments other than to direct people to Jackson County, Missouri or other resources. Scholbe reported that her appeal was heard and resolved within 30-40 minutes. Rogers reported that if a resident is below 200% of the poverty level or over the age of 60, that resident can use legal aid to help with assessment appeals. The deadline to appeal is July 10th. Rogers indicated that if there are continued delays that July 10th deadline may be extended. Rogers confirmed that if a resident qualifies, they can use Legal Aid for help on an appeal. Otherwise, the appeals process is easy to handle by yourself.

Waldo Community Meeting: Murray met with EPC regarding the Waldo 74 development, which is still on track to be finished later this year. The developer is moving forward as planned. Murray will work with Waldo Towers regarding a possible meeting regarding this project to address any misinformation regarding the project.

Waldo Area Business Association Event Rebate: Murray reported that there may be an event rebate that WPHA could utilize. Murray will look into this and report back to the Board.

Keystone: There is new leadership at Keystone. WPHA will engage the new pastor to maintain our community relationship with this organization.

Murray moved to adjourn the meeting; DeMasi seconded. The June 6, 2023 meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Alex DeMasi