

Birchwood Hills Homes Association Annual Meeting Minutes

General Information

Date: 11/18/2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Next Meeting Date/Time: 1/20/20 7:00 PM Location: 4104 E. 105th Terrace (Family Room)

Conducted by: Tim Henry

Recorded by: Bruce Gregg

Note: ✓ denotes members in attendance

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- Our BHA website is “BirchwoodhillsKC.org”.
- Members were told that it was not unusual for Board Member positions to be open and that we encourage members who have an interest and would be willing to serve to let someone on the Board know. After tonight’s vote, there is one 2 year term open and one 1 year term open.

Welcome – President Tim Henry opened the meeting and welcomed all present. 45 members were in attendance and 4 of these were First Time Attendees.

Treasurer’s Report – Linus Goth gave the Treasurer’s report and reviewed the big-ticket items. The members approved the report unanimously. 13 leans have been filed to date. 27 homeowners are delinquent in paying their dues.

Elections – Bruce Gregg described the election process, read the slate, and asked for a single vote on the list read. The slate for Officers and Board Members as presented was passed unanimously.

Four Officers: Elected yearly for a one (1) year term. Tonight we voted to fill these 4 positions for the one (1) year term ending in 12/2020.

President	Tim Henry
Vice President	Ryan Gritters
Secretary	Bruce Gregg
Treasurer	Linus Goth

Three Board Members: With terms expiring at the end of this year (2019). Tonight we voted to fill 2 of these positions for a two (2) year term ending in 12/2021.

Tim Faul
Peggy Becker

Three Board Members: With terms expiring at the end of Next Year (2020). These three (3) positions will be up for renewal / replacement at next year's Annual Meeting.

Joe Berry
Choice Watson

Security - Officer Ryan Young presented the crime stats for the past year. We have a good neighborhood and it is safe. However, thefts from autos seem to be a regular occurrence. (Please keep your car locked when not in use and if possible, park it in your garage or in your driveway.). Each household should have a Before Bed routine each night with the primary focus of protecting your house and property. Officer Young also supplied a number of different handouts dealing with safety and security.

President – Tim asked members to provide their phone numbers to the Board. This is the only way our emergency alert system can inform you. A member from the floor suggested we consider reinstating our old time Block Captains program.

Guest Speaker 1- Sixth District-at-Large Councilwoman Andrea Bough (109 days on the job and counting) spoke to the group on the following items happening in our Sixth District. There will likely be an interim City Manager as the City Council sets up a search committee to replace Troy Schulte. The city council will focus on making sure workers on the new airport are from Kansas City. Geo-bonds will continue to focus on neighborhoods. Work on 135th street is complete. Blue River Road is still progressing albeit slow. And residents should report issues to the KC 311 phone line.

Guest Speaker 2 – Our newly elected Missouri State Representative Mark Sharp (John Sharp's son) was present and spoke of his intention to serve on multiple State committees as his term starts 1/8/2020.

Guest Speaker 3 – John Sharp (past KC Councilman and ongoing 6th District public supporter) commented on the status of a number of items happening in our district. Santa's Wonderland is a big event upcoming on 12/14/2019. The old Bendix plant area is mostly cleaned up with new construction just beginning on the west side of the property. The new Library is now open in the Red Bridge Shopping Center and Wonder Scope is starting construction on the west side of the center. Work has started upgrading Red Bridge Road between Wornall and Holmes. Blue River Road work could start in the spring of 2021 and take 3 to 4 years to complete.

Business Discussed –

Tim commented that our entryway at Birchwood and Grandview is in pretty rough shape. The brick, mortar, and wood are all in bad condition and needs to be replaced on both sides of Birchwood Drive. The Board is considering two different designs: a new stone and brick design featuring Birchwood about 10 wide and 6 feet tall on the south side and a potential city funded stone structure featuring the Three Trails Crossing with

reference to Birchwood on the north side. Pictures of each were posted. Members present expressed their support.

He also commented about traffic control within our neighborhood. The police department will continue to monitor speeding with radar. The city says that we do not have enough traffic for them to install speed bumps and past board studies have found that it is cost prohibitive for the Homes Association to pay for the installation. The best thing that residents can do is to call 311 or the traffic complaints number 816-329-0911.

Several topics were addressed from the floor. We should again call 311 to report illegal leaf burning. Kansas City redirected money for the sidewalk repair program of several years ago to areas of the city that they felt had a higher priority. We will inquire as to whether or not this program can be restarted in Birchwood. Snow removal was discussed. The general policy is to plow streets when the snowfall is equal to or greater than 3 inches. Ice melt is VERY EXPENSIVE. We do salt and sand our two roads near Grandview Rd. every time (Birchwood and 105th Terr.).

Meeting Adjourned 8:34 PM