

**Verona Hills Neighborhood Association
Minutes June 1, 2010 ... Joe Davidson (host)**

Attendance: Susan Richart, Joe Davidson, Nancy Rusch, Susan Fahey, Phil Pashang, William Venable, Larry Otto

President Phil Pashang Presiding

I. Finance / Budget

A. William Venable moved for approval, Joe Davidson seconded motion and following discussion, unanimous approval was given to adopt budget fy 2010/11 as proposed.

B. Capital Projects were individually reviewed, prioritized and allocated target allowances fy 2010/11.

1. Sidewalk Repair ... 10 K was allocated. Because the project will take several years to complete ... no specific final plan was adopted. A master plan will be developed addressing various issues: possibility of enticing home owners to voluntarily share in the cost; an assessment of the total cost and % of annual budget to be allocated; after scope of the project is known ... sidewalk repairs will be prioritized.

2. Mailboxes ... 5 K was allocated. New Boxes are under active consideration at three locations: Jarboe & 122nd; Glen Arbor Ter; & 121st and Summit. Existing mailboxes will be repaired at a cost of \$140 each ... ten boxes are to be repaired this year. (\$1400) Mark Switzer's proposal was accepted by the Board w/o competitive bid.

3. NOTE: AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE BOARD CAN ACCEPT NON-COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WHEN THE TOTAL COST IS LESS THAN \$5000.

4. Monument Lighting ... 5 K allocated but project is put on hold while Phil considers options on how best to achieve the goal.

5. Island Makeover ... 2 K allocated Sue Fahey making plans for island at Jefferson & 116th.

6. Contingency ... 4 K allocated ... some consideration was given to considering options for replacing the statuary at 121st and Santa Fe.

II. Security

Joe Davidson updated the Board on the current state of criminal activity in the Verona Hills neighborhoods. He noted that the VHNA police patrol leader Brent Parsons has confirmed his proactive approach to the recent spate of crime activity. He also said Mike Hammer KCPD / Community Interaction Officer was unavailable for tonight's meeting but has been responsive and quick to share what others are doing to prevent crime.

After Board discussion, Joe proposed and the Board agreed to the following three prong approach to the current situation.

1. Correspondence from the VHNA Board to heighten our level of concern with elected and appointed officials including the Mayor, Police Chief and City Council members.
2. Letter from VHNA Board President & officers to homeowners about ways to improve neighborhood security.
3. Consider options for our budgeted security dollars including alternative police patrols and possible employment of less expensive non-police security patrols.

III. Complaints

A. Denise Stewart raised the question, "When was the last time 121st was repaved? When will it be repaved?"

Susan Richart has accepted challenge to attempt to address these complaints. Susan was encouraged to talk with Ann OHare (942-5033) who has loads of experience dealing with KC bureaucracy.

B. Anonymous Caller requested that VHNA trim trees along sidewalks on public property especially on Washington between Minor & 119th Ter. Susan to look into possibility of lining up the KC Chipper for a weekend event that the VHNA Board would take leadership in carrying out throughout VHN.

C. Paul Jokerst wants speed bumps on 114th Ter. Nancy to look into possibilities.

D. Kevin Schorgl (Jefferson Ct & Santa Fe) has concern about water flowing from underground onto sidewalks and city streets. No response from KC authorities. Phil to follow up on this issue.

IV. Social

A. BBQ ... July 4 ... 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM ... Migliozzo Park

Nancy Rusch to arrange for Hot Dog Cart (free hot dogs, chips, drink). She will purchase and have available for distribution freeze pops and

prizes for parade participants. Parade starts at 10 AM; Food at 11AM; party's over by 1:30 PM. All Board members (minus Nancy) agreed to attend and pitch in.

B. Garage Sale ... September 23/24

Bill Venable to coordinate for final time ... wants understudy to carry on the tradition. Flyers out in mid July and August. We have plenty of signage. Part of the plan will include notification to homeowners of local charities with good track record of follow through on picking up unsold items from homeowners.

V. New Board Members

It was discussed and agreed that potential new Board Members be invited by the President to serve as a "Member at Large" and in time determine if individuals warm to a particular area of service or task and let relations develop in that manner.

VI. Adjourn & Next Meeting

Generally it was agreed that mid July seemed opportune for a next meeting. President will notify the Board of the meeting.