

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes - Thursday, April 25, 2013

Board Members Present

The 91th Annual Board Meeting took place at Pembroke Hill's cafeteria. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Kirby Upjohn, Dick Nelson, Martha Negley, and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

Neighbors gathered beginning at 6:00pm to listen to City Councilwoman Jan Marcason present. The neighborhood meeting started at 7:00pm. About 25 people attended. A special thanks to Taylor McClosky from Pembroke for providing the complimentary refreshments and meeting space.

GUEST SPEAKER - Councilwoman Jan Marcason

- Aryn welcomed Jan and the neighbors to the annual meeting. The meeting began early to accommodate Jan's schedule since she had two other speaking appearances this evening.
- City issues that Jan touched on -- replacement of broken sidewalks in Westwood Park, snow removal, pension plans for fire and police departments, city budgets, water bill rates, sewage line improvements, airport terminal project, light rail, etc.

APPROVAL OF THE 2012 MINUTES

- The annual and monthly board meeting minutes are available online at www.ha-kc.org along with the Westwood Park board roster, newsletter, bylaws and treasurer's report. Information for all the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC) can be found on the website as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Kirby Upjohn

- Kirby presented the treasurer's report detailing expenditures for the 2012.
- Overall, WPHA is financially healthy. The association likes to have a least two years of operating expenses in reserve.
- Kirby provided a handout charting the financial breakdown of the association's expenditures highlighting the typical big expenses. Island upkeep accounts for about 60% of the overall expenses, followed by administration, utilities, postage and newsletter.
- A specific net loss is due to some homeowners that are past due on their homes association dues. After several years, a lien is placed the home. When the home eventually sells, the money will hopefully be collected during that transaction. If a home goes into foreclosure, then the association is unable to collect.
- A neighbor suggested that the names of delinquent homeowners be published in the newsletter. A vote was taken and the idea was not supported.
- There are 320 homes in Westwood Park Homes Association.

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES & NEXTDOOR.COM - Joan Gastinger

- A big thanks to Joan who has organized the block representatives roster since 2005. There are 22 block rep positions. Currently more than a few positions need to be filled. Joan passed around the map so neighbors could reacquaint with the divisions, learn who their representatives are, and even sign up to be a representative.
- Neighborhood news and events feed through the block reps and that information is shared typically via email with neighbors on the block.
- Neighbors are also highly encouraged to join NextDoor.com. It's secure and currently the fastest way neighbors are receiving urgent alerts.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION - Martha Negley

- The Ed Holland fountain island, Holly island, 51st Street island, Ward Parkway bridge beds and the 47th & State Line corner of Westwood Park are maintained by the association, specifically by Ann Nixon and Martha Negley who have keep the islands and the park looking very beautiful.
- Ron Sanell and his landscape crew do a great job with maintenance and landscaping. His number is 913-526-0515.
- Westwood Park has a Facebook page. Neighbors are invited to "like" the page for occasional updates about the park and neighborhood.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Kirby Upjohn, Dick Nelson and Aryn Roth were re-elected to the board. New term dates are 2016. Terms are three years.

NEWSLETTER - Dick Nelson

- The next newsletter will be delivered in May to announce the garage sale and dumpster dates, annual meeting notes as well as other timely topics.
- Any additional content for the newsletter can be sent to Aryn: arynroth1@me.com.

NEW BUSINESS

- The annual garage sale is Saturday, June 1st and the following Saturday, June 8th is dumpster day. Two dumpsters will be available for yard waste and trash collection. Volunteers are needed the morning of dumpster day.
- Aryn consulted with Google fiber about next steps. Neighbors need to visit online and make sure they have chosen a plan.

MEETING CLOSE

- Aryn concluded the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance. Watch future newsletters for more neighborhood information. The board looks forward to seeing everyone at neighborhood events throughout the year.
