

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES
ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes -
April 20, 2010

Board Members Present

The 88th Annual WPHA meeting took place at Pembroke Hill's cafeteria. Present were Aryn Roth, Kirby Upjohn, Ann Nixon, Lorrie Kueffer, Nina Kim, and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

Refreshments and Socializing

At 7:00pm the neighbors socialized with the meeting beginning shortly after. About 35 neighbors attended. Cookies, tea and coffee were provided, compliments of Pembroke.

BOARD PRESIDENT INTRODUCTION

- ARYN ROTH
- Aryn welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2009 MINUTES

- 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 regarding all the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC) can be found on the website as well.

TREASURES REPORT - KIRBY UPJOHN

- A treasurer's report handout detailed expenditures for the 2009 year. Kirby gave a financial picture of the association highlighting some of the bigger expenses: island maintenance \$8,550, fountain upkeep \$2,600, postage and newsletters \$1,200. The fall picnic brings in enough revenue to cover the cost of the event.
- A neighbor asked about increasing the annual fees. The base fee which is just a few dollars was set in the bylaws in the 1920s. To change the base amount would require a signature from every homeowner in the association. Largest revenue

collection is for other services on the annual bill, which is the \$60 voluntary fee.

- Insurance will triple this year from \$330 to over \$1,000. A large claim was made in Mission Hills that will affect all the homes associations in HAKC.

CENTRAL PATROL - NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY - CAPT. DONNA GREENWELL

- Westwood Park welcomed eight KCPD police officers who took time to visit with the neighbors that evening to personally answer questions. Capt. Donna Greenwell introduced all the officers in attendance.

- A slang term for marijuana is 4/20. Today is April 20th. We were told that marijuana devices are sold at a shop near 39th Street and SW Trafficway.

- Capt. Greenwell said the mounted police are great for visibility, especially in pedestrian crowd control. A great crime deterrent. She encouraged inviting the mounted police to a neighborhood event. The mounted police may again visit the neighborhood, but it will be on a limited basis compared to last year.

- Police officers also walked the neighborhood last year. Police officers enjoy our friendly neighbors.

- Currently the KCPD has about ten K9 dogs.

- Patrol of Westwood Park area is approximately twice a week, all day. The routine slow patrol will likely diminish in the summertime because of demands from other areas of the city.

- Speeding issues can be directed to the Traffic Complaint Squad.

- For loud noise call 911, however there is no noise ordinance, nor can it be enforced by police. There is a decibel limit which is determined by the Health Department.

- For all crime and suspicious activity, always call 911 so the incident gets documented.

- Visit crimereports.com for recent activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

- ANN NIXON

- The fountain needed some new paint and parts replaced. Soon the fountain will be running and flowers will be added to the islands.

- Landscaping by the bridge was done by WPHA since the city was not properly maintaining the area. Shrubs, flowers and perennials were planted.

- Thanks to Ann Nixon, volunteers, and Julio's crew, the landscaping and maintenance of the neighborhood islands looks lovely year after year.
- Ann inquired if neighbors were interested in a private snow removal service. A few neighbors seemed interested in seeking out some options. Joan G. had success with calling the city directly and requesting snow removal.

WESTWOOD PARK RENOVATION

- Jimmi Lossing, a landscape architect from the KC Parks & Recreation Department, was our designated park revitalization person when the master plan was designed three years ago. Ground breaking began last winter. Concrete has been poured and the shelter is under construction. Picnic tables will be placed under the shelter. Aryn will be given a key to the fire pit. A new water fountain will be added by the playground. Grass seed will be planted. The plastic over the pervious concrete will be lifted soon. The expected completion date is May 20, with a final date of June 20th.
- Neighbors are not pleased that two types of concrete sidewalk were poured, regular and pervious.
- Solar panels will be installed on the new shelter for solar lighting that will be on a timer.
- The consensus for the existing shelter was to replace the roof rather than move it to the top of the Northeast hill.
- Jimmi will consult with an electrical engineer to look into lighting options and seek out bids with the remaining funds. Some of the existing light posts have fallen or are completely gone.
- Jim MacDonald is our PIAC representative in this district.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- Kirby, Nina and Aryn will remain on the board. New terms dates are 2013. Terms are three years.

NEW BUSINESS

- Neighbors can become a Fan of Westwood Park on Facebook for networking opportunities.

MEETING CLOSE

- Aryn concluded the meeting and thanked those who attended. Watch future newsletters for more neighborhood information. The board looks forward to seeing the neighbors at next year's annual meeting!

NEXT MEETING

- May's monthly board meeting TBA.