

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the February 5th, 2013 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Ann Nixon, Kirby Upjohn, Dick Nelson and Ann Schleih. Minutes: Ann Schleih.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

NEW BOARD MEMBER - DICK NELSON

- The board would like to extend a warm welcome to Dick Nelson. Dick's enthusiasm and interest in the neighborhood as well as his willingness to take on some of the newsletter content is very much needed and appreciated.
- Ann N. has at least three other neighbors who are potential candidates for participating in board meetings and activities.

STREET PARKING

- Street parking is an ongoing issue particularly with cars parked on both sides of busy narrow streets. To have the city install signs, 70% of homeowner's signatures need to be collected.
- Neighbors are encouraged to park in their driveways or park on the non-hydrant side of the street when possible.

SWEENEY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

- Aryn and Ann N. gave an update on the latest developments for the Sweeney School project. The potential developers shared their proposal of repurposing the building to accommodate up to 80 apartments. The historical integrity of the building is to remain intact. The city approval meeting is April 1st.

MIDTOWN PLAZA MEETING

- The first public meeting for the Midtown/Plaza Area Plan was in January. Aryn said more than 200 people attended. The city is funding a feasibility study.
- From the website: Area plans are designed to realize the community's vision for the future and provide elected officials with a proactive framework to make decisions about housing, development, and economic growth of the area. Area plans provide a single, comprehensive plan for an area of the City and provides policies to guide public decisions on land use, infrastructure, public services and zoning.
- Visit these links for more info:

<http://midtownplaza.mindmixer.com/>

<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/CityPlanningandDevelopment/CitywidePlanning/MidtownPlazaAreaPlan/index.htm>

NEWSLETTER & MAILERS

- Dick Nelson graciously volunteered to be our newsletter liaison person. He will collect and, in some cases, write content and email Julie Tenenbaum, our newsletter editor. Julie's email: jatkc@aol.com.
- Newsletter content: new neighbors and home of the month, Neighborhood Housing Services/Westwood Road house renovation, security, parking, Sweeney School development, special dates—annual meeting, yard sale, dumpster day, a reminder for neighbors to join NextDoor.com., etc.
- The board would like to send the newsletter out sometime in early March. A digital version could be available on NextDoor.com.
- A separate mailer will be sent in March or April to announce WPHA's 91st Annual Meeting at Pembroke.
- A postcard to announce the June Yard Sale and Dumpster Day will be sent in May. Volunteers are desperately needed for Dumpster Day.

SPECIAL DATES

- Aryn will contact Pembroke Hill School to set up an evening for the WPHA Annual meeting. It will be sometime in April or May, avoiding Pembroke's Clothesline event, which extends from April 12th to April 20th.
- Yard Sale is Saturday, June 1st.
- Dumpster Day is Saturday, June 8th. Volunteers needed. ID's need to be checked to verify residency in the neighborhood.
- The Annual Picnic will be in the fall. A date will be decided later.

NEXT MEETING

- An email will be sent to announce the next board meeting sometime in March.