

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION

94th Annual Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Pembroke Hill School

Board of Directors members present:

Aryn Roth-President, Ann Nixon-Vice President, Kirby Upjohn-Treasurer, Marita Wesley
Minutes by Marita Wesley for Ann Schleihs-Secretary.

The annual Board Meeting took place at Pembroke Hills School cafeteria. Neighbors gathered at 6:00 for refreshments and socialization. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Thirty people attended. **Welcome newcomers!**

WELCOME

Thanks to Pembroke Hill School for providing meeting space and refreshments. Handouts of last year's minutes and the Treasurer's report were distributed.

BOARD MEMBERS

Re-elected were Aryn Roth-President, Kirby Upjohn-Treasurer and Dick Nelson.

Aryn welcomed new board members Paula Kane, Mollie Pilner and Holly Mehl.

APPROVAL OF 2015 MINUTES

Last year's annual meeting minutes were approved as presented by majority vote.

Annual and monthly board meeting minutes are available online at www.ha-kc.org along with the WPHA board roster, bylaws and treasurer's reports. Information for all the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC) canals be found on this website. HA-KC phone: 913 385 2440.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kirby Upjohn presented the treasurer's report detailing 2015 income and expenditures. The handout included a pie chart illustrating the financial breakdown of the association's expenditures. For the second year legal services constituted the largest single item followed by island maintenance. To meet 2015 expenses the Board approved utilization of reserve funds. The legal action taken in 2014 is not yet completely resolved.

PIAC GRANT

Westwood Park was awarded a \$100,000 PIAC grant through the efforts of Aryn Roth. The grant will be used to replace the Westwood Park children's playground surface.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Ann Nixon provided an update on the islands and boundary markers general maintenance. Thanks to Martha Nagly for plantings, mulching and watering to keep the green spaces so inviting. The main expense is for fountain utilities, insurance, operation and maintenance. The pool coating will need to be replaced this year. One of the redbud trees was replaced last year and another one may need to be replaced soon.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Forms were sent by HAKC to Westwood Park neighbors to update information for the new directory. The directory is part of the welcome packet that new neighbors receive when they move in to the neighborhood. An online directory is not currently anticipated. The current directory works for those without computer access. Notices and meeting announcements are also posted on Next-door, an online forum used by some neighbors.

WESTWOOD PARK HISTORY

General Discussion followed regarding the recent number of tear-downs in or near Westwood Park. Neighbors are concerned that new construction is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. Consideration of applying for historic designation for the neighborhood was briefly discussed as a means of influencing future developments.

Note: The neighborhood was platted in 1923 by the JC Nichols Company. The original deed restrictions and guidelines remain in place, although many are outdated or no longer appropriate. The City building code officials once notified WPHA of any building permits applied for. They will respond to direct queries but no longer require a neighborhood letter of approval before issuing building permits. The WPHA once had a design review committee. The committee had no powers of enforcement. The committee had not met for years due to a lack of submissions to review.

EVENT DATES

June 4th - GARAGE SALE JUNE 11 - DUMPSTER DAY OCTOBER 8 - DUMPSTER DAY

ANNUAL PICNIC - PIZZA IN THE PARK- DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

MEETING CLOSE

A big thank you to Aryn for her on-going leadership and a successful meeting. Aryn concluded the annual meeting and thanked those in attendance. Look for postings online for neighborhood information. Board members look forward to seeing everyone at the neighborhood events.

RESOURCES:

Neighborhood housing code property violations should be called into 311 or submit online

[**3-1-1.Action.Center@kcmo.org**](mailto:3-1-1.Action.Center@kcmo.org)

Chad Erpelding is the code inspector for our area. All 311 problems are assigned a number for progress tracking.

[**chad.Erpelding@kcmo.org**](mailto:chad.Erpelding@kcmo.org)

KCMO 'parcel viewer map is helpful to view properties throughout the city:

<http://maps.kcmo.org/apps/parcelviewer/>

Westwood Park Homes Association is a member of the Homes Association of Kansas City:

HA-KC (913) 385 2440.

The first page of the upcoming new directory explains briefly their services for WPHA and over 50 other homes associations.