

Greenway Fields Homes Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 19, 2015

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the home of Sarah McCracken, 450 W. 62nd Terrace.

Board Members:

Present - David Slawson, Nola Devitt, Sarah McCracken, Jeanette LePique. Scott Kaiser and Bob Deeg present via phone link.

Absent - Cady Seabaugh

I. Agenda

Agenda for October 19, 2015 meeting submitted and approved.

II. Old Business

- A. Minutes from August 17, 2015 - Reviewed and approved unanimously. **Note: No meeting / Minutes in September.**

III. New Business

A. President's Update - David

1. Tree replacement: not guaranteed by City. Mr. LaPointe from KC Forestry Department will check with planting contractor about replacement of failed trees (approximately 15). David will investigate the city's contractor and follow up. Sarah will check how much GFHA contributed to project. There is \$3,000 unused in budget. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) re-vaccination is due March 2016, three years after initial treatment. Will discuss at November meeting when Cady present.
2. Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) from city of KC.. Deadline for application is May 2016. Cady has offered to write grant and is open for ideas for possible funds' use.
3. Gina Valentino, former GFHA president during creation of Greenway Fields CID, was nominated for "Jim Gary Neighborhood Spirit Award". Award will be announced in November through HAKC.

B. Treasurer's Update - Sarah

1. Churches will be annually invoiced in April by HAKC
2. Landscaping - Soil Service itemized invoice reviewed and is within budget with a \$1,000 credit balance. Current contract is nine months, April - December.
3. Christian Schulz compensation for newsletter will be \$250/issue, corresponding to FY budget May through April. (Two 2015 quarterly issues were published with previous budgeted compensation of \$200).
4. GFHA is on budget. GFCID paid \$1,369 for engineering plan (Strawn Park drainage issue) and Security has increased \$5/hr to \$1,400 for month.

C. Meyer Columns Restoration - Nola

Restoration will be paid for by the driver's insurance company, State Farm. Contractor, Wayne Todd, did the clean-up (@\$350) and will do the restoration (@\$3,778). Existing fencing is to be used. Column caps and brick will be ordered (Nola and Jeanette will be involved with choosing brick color if needed). If new structural post is necessary, final cost may increase. HAKC will pay him from Greenway Fields funds and State Farm will reimburse GF via HAKC. Sarah has requested he be paid for cleanup and will scan invoices. Nola has been communicating with St. Andrew's and keeping them updated on progress.

D. Strawn Park Drainage - Scott

Scott discussed the engineering report from LandPlan. Current landscaping contractor, Soil Service, does not want to be involved with an engineering issue. Jeanette will look into getting three bids for proposed work. Suggestions for GFHA overall landscape plan:

1. Solicit ideas from residents
2. Create plan (Don Archer at Soil Service)
3. Move statues &/or stabilize at a permanent location
4. Correct drainage issue
5. Implement plan

Don Archer suggested tying the neighborhood together with hardscape markers added in visible locations, similar to the brick columns and markers at Meyer and Greenway entrance. David suggested Wayne Todd might be interested in doing any hardscape projects since he will have familiarity with existing structures.

E. Landscaping Update and Snow Plowing - David

Mulch in play area of Strawn park from Rubber Rooster has not been done yet and David will call. David suggests requesting Soil Service to plant bulbs for early Spring color. **Board voted to approve unanimously \$750** for bulb placements this Fall in locations to be determined by Soil Service at Columns, Strawn Park, and Monkey Island. Snow removal has been previously been done by Mr. Rose and David recommends continuing with him. **Board agreed.**

F. Upcoming Events Planning - Board

David offered to host the Annual GFHA Holiday party on Sunday, December 6, 2015, if no one else volunteers. Specifics to be discussed at November meeting.

G. Newsletter - Nola

3Q 2015 issue was delayed in getting delivered due to HAKC printer issues. Invoicing 2016 advertisers - Nola will invoice December 1st for 1Q 2016 issue. Board members will solicit new advertisers (2" x 2" = \$25/issue or \$80/yr if paid in full). Content for 4Q 2015 issue will include President's letter, Holiday party, Holiday Lighting/Decorations, recruitment of new Board members, Centennial Celebration, Annual meeting in February, & "About Town" column. Nola requests articles by 11/6/15.

H. Website / Communication Update - Cady

Will update at next meeting.

I. Calendar - Jeanette

Calendar updated to reflect change in invoice date for Churches from October to April.

J. Security Options Update - Bob Deeg

Bob was contacted via email by a neighbor (James Lloyd) asking about our current security arrangement. Bob has contacted several security companies and reported that *Securitas* charges \$15 per 25 minute drive through, up to four times a night (\$60/nt). This would be approximately \$1,800/month. We currently pay \$1,400 for off-duty KCPD. *Securitas* staff is unarmed and can make no arrests but do give detailed list of actions. KCPD does not give specifics but can arrest if needed - we have to trust they are patrolling and will be responsive... It was suggested to invite John Trainor and patrolling officers to Block Captain Appreciation party (TBD) to meet residents. David & Nola motion to table discussion of security patrols for 6 months (April 2016) unless something comes up.

K. Block Captains: role and acknowledgement - All

Discussion tabled until November meeting.

L. Communication within Board - All

It was requested to "reply all" for communication. Will discuss in November.

IV. Next Meeting & Location

The next meeting will be Monday, November 16, 2015 at Jeanette LePique's, 6418 Wornall Ter at 7:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.