

March 9, 2021

## Minutes of the Country Side Homes Association Board Meeting

**In attendance:**      Officers:  
Jason Pryor, President  
Evan Stange, Treasurer  
Season Burnett, Secretary

Directors:  
John Legg  
Jill McGee

**Absent:**              Mitch Burgess, Vice President              Jim Kraus

President Jason Pryor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**      **Amy J. Slattery with odimo. Architects**  
**Troy Lillebo, UMKC's Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Relations**  
**Bill Haverly (UMKC)**

**TOPIC:**                      **UMKC Master Plan**

- Q: What about the ground after demo of Oak St dorms?
- Q: What is the plan for Epperson House?
  - A: (to both) the planners aren't there yet; they're focusing right now on rethinking the streets, creating gateways at the edge intersections, activating open spaces, & reinvesting & collaborating.
- Q: You have spoken about the "edges" and "neighborhood" and we are grateful for that. Given that street car will be stopping at the NW corner of your Volker campus, what are your plans to engage with streetcar? And how will you plan for the parking needs for students/streetcar riders, etc. Our neighborhood often becomes the "free parking lot" for UMKC students—how best can we work together on making sure that your parking issues are addressed, along with the impending parking issues of a terminus street car stop?
  - A: There will be a park-and-ride near Grand St. Café which the streetcar planners are considering to be the “terminus”, & going further south will be the “UMKC wing”.
- Q: Input from international students surprised me. They have free passes for buses but rarely used them. They felt that it was not safe. The university has to overcome the mentality that its neighborhood, especially to the east is unsafe.
- Q: what is the resource for parking on Emanuel Cleaver that street car is planning to use for commuters?
- Q: We enjoy having the campus on the edge of our neighborhood and agree that more prominent gateways need to be constructed to give the campus more of an identity/branding. Are there any specific plans currently as to what those might look like?
  - A: The design isn't part of this current project, but recommendations regarding gateways & wayfinding are.
- Collaboration efforts are being made to work collaborate with Rockhurst University to create a cohesive east-west corridor & Troost corridor.
- For more information on the UMKC Campus Master Plan and to leave feedback beyond tonight's meeting, visit <https://www.umkc.edu/chancellor/initiatives/master-plan.html#>

Season will create a video of the UMKC Master Plan portion of this meeting which can be shared with interested homeowners.

The minutes for the February Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (EVAN STANGE)**

- Crestwood Condos are now paid up for 2021
- Jill & Mitch still planning to attend the meeting with Crestwood Shops next week.

### **COMMUNICATIONS (SEASON BURNETT)**

- Survey update
  - Comments received to date:
    - "Why isn't more being done about the trash (beer cans etc.) left on 54th St. west of Wornall by underage drinking parties in Loose Park on weekends. If the police would patrol the park, make a few arrests and issue tickets the trash would go away."
    - "Need more info about availability of private patrol when homeowners are out of town." – contact Katherine Strupp
    - "Always appreciate increased security -- 55<sup>th</sup> continues to be a "speedway" -- and in warm weather the foot traffic to and from the park overnight is quite heavy at times, and loud."
    - "Concerned about Bryant School -- flood light for playground severed during last break-in and hasn't been reconnected."
    - [directory request]
    - "I'm concerned with the landscaping in the islands and bumpouts. Last year, plantings were not at the quality originally proposed. What are the future landscaping plans?"
    - [Homeowner] wants the Board to get the potholes & broken pavement fixed.
    - "With warm weather approaching, people will be heading outside. Porch parties that go beyond 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 weekends are a problem. While it's wonderful to have windows open to enjoy cool evenings it's not always possible. Some standards needs to be set by CSHA!"
    - "Can we ask homeowners (renters) to park in front of their own homes when possible"
    - [Rose Arroyo] "Add plantings to 54th & Westover island -- supertunias & impatiens"
    - [Ted Colburn] survey comment: "Seems like the islands that the PIAC paid for are certainly lacking relative to how they started in the early years -- I think the Assn can afford to enhance that first impression people who drive down Main Street get."
    - Keyton Lammers is interested in serving on the Board.
    - "Unimpressive snow removal on 55th Terr between Oak & Brookside during these most recent snows."
  - 142 surveys received to date.
    - 59 homeowners are on Facebook; 96 are on Nextdoor.
    - No. of people who are interested in helping with...
      - Annual meeting: 4
      - Dumpster days: 18
      - Easter egg hunt: 6
      - Main St. islands: 16

- 7/4 bike parade: 4
- Autumn picnic: 8
- Joining the Board: 1
- Welcome Wagon: 5 (including Longboards, Underdog Wine, Brush Creek Partners (home & auto insurance), & Crestwood Flowers)
- Season will create a list of volunteers for each event to share with the Board, & which can be shared with future organizers.
- **Postcard announcing the Annual Meeting must be mailed to all HO's within 10 days from today.** HAKC prints the postcards. Evan will send the file to Season.
- Things to communicate to homeowners: KCMO Water Dept. updates, safety recommendations

## **SOCIAL**

- Annual meeting (Jason):
  - Location: Visitation School parking lot. Jason has made arrangements for the sound setup.
  - Jason will rent some chairs for those who don't want to drive to the meeting.
  - Meeting will start at 6pm.
  - Agenda will include elections for Board members (Season will let Lammers know he can be on the ballot).
  - Jill helping to make goodie-bags. (No food will be served otherwise.)
  - Check-in table (Season)

## **SAFETY**

- Re speeding on neighborhood streets: KCPD identifies 3 shifts per month for traffic enforcement.
- After Jill's forwarding to Kathryn Strupp a complaint from a neighbor re parents speeding around Visitation, Kathryn followed up with KCPD, who will follow up & do some patrolling.
- Single-side parking signage: Jason asked Jill to ask neighbors on those streets to abide themselves by the signage, to help with enforcement of new signage. Jason inquired w/ the City about whether there's a warning system for one-side parking signage (there isn't); he & Jill will work together to create warning signs that can be put on cars parked on wrong side of streets.
- Loose Park trash issue: Jason has asked KCP&R to install a new garbage can where the 54<sup>th</sup> St. crossover from the Park is, to help prevent trash from being dropped in CSHA.
- There have been a few door kick-in burglaries lately (57<sup>th</sup> Street, Concord Ave.)
- Monthly reports of KCPD patrol stats — Jason will contact Sgt. Hanriot to get reports to the Board started back up again.

## **MAINTENANCE (MITCH BURGESS)**

- Mitch identified before tonight's meeting a couple of items he will work on before the next meeting (which is the Annual Meeting).

**NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

With no other business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Season Burnett*

Secretary