

Greenway Fields Homes Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 26, 2008

Directors Present: Gina Valentino, Barbara Martin, Wendy Trainor, Aaron House, Joe Groebl, Mike McAdam, JT Forristal

Directors Absent: None

Guests: Katie Allison

Agenda

1. Meyer Boulevard Columns

- The Board met at the columns at the corner of Wornall Road and Meyer Boulevard to discuss the restoration of the columns with Paul [last name]. Paul owns [company name], a company that can perform the restoration. Paul is also a member of [Verona Hills]. Paul will provide the board with an estimate of the cost for the restoration.
- Restoration is a 3-step process. The bricks need to be sealed, and some may need to be removed and replaced. The stone (cement) portions need to be completely replaced. The iron needs to be restored or replaced.
- **[Gina, please add additional notes here].**
- Katie Allison noted that she learned of the deteriorating columns when she requested bids for the plaques for the entrance to Greenway Terrace.
- Parks and Recreation is responsible for the columns, but they say they are out of money. The Board is not responsible because it does not own the property. The City owns the property because it is a boulevard.
- Bids received so far
 - Iron
 - Bob's Ornamental \$90,000
 - Quality Iron \$22,950
 - Steve at DeMarea Iron \$24,700 – process takes 5 steps
 - Brick / Cement
 - Bob Brandt \$15,000
- Katie has been to multiple PIAC meetings and requested \$40,000-\$45,000, but was only awarded \$26,000
- Potential Sources of Income
 - Parks and Recreation (513-7644 Richard Pullman)
 - PIAC – has pledged approximately \$26,000 – number 106955
 - There is no expiration on this funding
 - The problem is that this funding gets sent directly to Parks and Recreation and the Board does not know how much discretion Parks and Recreation has with money raised. This is problematic because if the Board solicits funds from others and says the funds will restore the columns, we don't know if Parks and Recreation could ultimately tear down the columns.
 - Other homes associations (and ours) – Kirby Upjohn – ask for specific amount

- \$500 left from Charlie's donations for the plaques
- Churches on both sides of Meyer
- Brookside/Waldo Merchants – Marty Lee is executive director
- We are not in the Brookside Improvement
- Foundations
 - JC Nichols – said parks were not part of its mission, but this may be
 - Price Foundation (\$1,000)
 - Hudson's Charitable Foundation- No interest
 - Kansas City Foundations – Katie can check for foundations of people raised in the area
 - Lemonade stand at the Brookside Art Fair

2. Basement Research Corporation

- The Board met with Craig Nulan of the Basement Research Corporation to discuss a telephone program that would allow the Board to send a telephone message to Greenway Fields members within 5-7 minutes. This could be useful to the Board so that it could send a monthly message or send a security alert.
- Cost is 3.9 cents per minute, which can be supported by advertising. The Board must prepay either by check or by logging in a paying by credit card in increments of \$100 or \$200.
- The Board can set up and maintain total control of the list or allow members to access a website where the members can update their information
- The system can also support text messaging
- When the Board wants to initiate a call, a member must call into the system and record the message. The member will have to enter a number that the call will be sent from, which shouldn't be the member's own phone number because that member then would not receive the call. The calls do not have to be made in real time.
- Messages should be 27-28 seconds. Most people quit listening at 43 seconds.
- It will take 6-7 minutes to reach the entire association.
- Website is sandbox.mobilepage.net.
- This system requires the names, one or two phone numbers, and the email addresses of the members. If members want to receive the messages by text, they must say who their carrier is. We should get all of this information at one time.
- The Company does not sell/rent names.
- All Board members, except for Wendy who was absent from this portion of the meeting, voted to implement this program.

Brief Discussion of the Following

- Security Budget
 - The Board seemed to think that it should forego the May security billing because we have excess funds in security
 - JT disagreed because he believed people will miss the bill and we should allow members to get used to seeing and paying the bills
 - Ultimately, all members agreed to skip the May bill and allow the bill to go out in July. There are 3 security bills that are sent out per year, and 50% of members pay them.
- Other Funds
 - The Board desires setting aside reserves for a rainy day fund o \$5,000-\$10,000
 - The Board also wants to set aside money for island rehabilitation and park rehabilitation from time to time

- Hazardous Waste
 - The Board cannot use JT's truck this year
 - The date may change so that we can get a receptacle from the City or rent a truck
- Security Generally
 - With all of the recent crime in the area, the Board will have discussions on ways to prevent crime. This will be a priority for the next meeting.
- Upcoming Dates
 - Next Board Meeting – Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Barbara Martin's house
 - Garage Sale May 16-17