

**Prairie Village Homes Association
Annual Meeting, February 20, 2008**

Location: City of Prairie Village Council Chambers.

Board Directors present: Ian Bartalos, Susan Britton, Sharon Chinnery, Susan Forrest, Richard W. Haun, Michelle Nash, Jori Nelson and Ashley Weaver. **Excused:** Bill Chinnery

Association Members and Guests: Sarah Martin, Mary Brown, Coco Johnston, Brenda Williams, Marcia Gradinger, Logan Gerken, Anna Gerken, Stephanie Wilkin, Jennifer Kieltyka, Ruth Hopkins, Lissa Haag, Fran & Don Church, Mary Engelken, Anna Hanson, Jim & Sally Wiley, Ann & Michael Doyle, Ron Nelson, Britt Bieri, Joe Houston, Alissa Blake, Tom & Honey Barnekoff, Chris & Melissa Imm, Deena Blake, Marianne & Steve Noll, Pat Roberts, Mark Eddy, Carol Taylor, Lisa Deuschle, Joan Arterburn, and Clarence Foxworthy

Program: The speaker for the evening was Sarah Martin, Kansas State Historical Society. Ms. Martin gave the definition of an historic district and explained the benefits, misconceptions and financial incentives for designating our homes association as an historic district. Ms. Martin brought printed materials with more detailed information, including “Kansas Historic Preservation Law,” Questions About Listing a District on the National Register of Historic Places,; and “State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits.” Historic downtowns and historic residential areas are the most common areas listed. Ms. Martin stressed that a strong grassroots interest is an important part of registering an historic district. It is not necessary that every property in a district needs to be listed; however, boundaries of an historic district should include as many contributing (qualifying) properties as possible. Matching grants are available from the historic preservation fund to hire a consultant to help guide citizens through the nomination process. Ms. Martin described Prairie Village as already well on its way due to the fact that about 650 properties in Prairie Village have already been surveyed for possible inclusion as historic properties. Most of the surveyed properties were built between 1925 and 1960. For more information about listing an area as an historic district, members may visit www.kshs.org, or call the State Historic Preservation Office at 785-272-8681 ext, 240.

President’s Summary: Highlights of fiscal year 2007 were presented by PVHA president, Susan Forrest. The report included recognition of the Prairie Village island volunteers, explanation of the removal of discriminatory language in the deeds restrictions, a brief summary of the legal action taken to enforce the deeds restrictions and a summary of volunteer opportunities. Those interested in volunteering on a committee were invited to contact the board by phone or via info@pvhomes.org. A summary of the year’s highlights was published in the January 2008 PVHA newsletter. The president also invited interested members to attend the March 19 board meeting, at which time, board meeting schedules and committees will be discussed, and the election of officers will take place.

Election of Directors: Per the association’s by-laws, one ballot per household is permitted, and association members must be in good standing in order to vote. Ballots were distributed via the PVHA January 2008 newsletter. Members unable to attend the PVHA annual meeting, were permitted to mail proxy ballots to the HACCD offices by February 10, 2008. A representative from HACCD delivered the proxy ballots to the annual meeting. All ballots were checked against the roster of members in good standing.

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There were three board positions available. Candidates running for election to the PVHA Board included Britt Bieri, Alissa Blake, Deena Blake, Logan Gerken, Ron Nelson, Pat Roberts, Ashley Weaver (incumbent) and Sally Wiley. Each candidate was allotted two minutes to introduce him/herself to the group and share his/her vision for Prairie Village. Ballots were cast by members in good standing who represented 41 households in the association. The duly elected candidates were Logan Gerken, Ron Nelson and Ashley Weaver. The candidate with the fourth largest number of votes was Britt Bieri.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Michelle Nash, distributed a Balance Sheet and the Income and Expense Statement for the period ending January 31, 2008. The report was accepted as presented.

Question/Answers/Comments:

During this portion of the meeting, homeowners shared experiences and ideas for remodeling and expanding Prairie Village residences in ways that preserve the character and historic integrity of the residences.

The following is a sampling of comments offered by association members during the question/answers/comment period: Architect Logan Gerken commented that Cape Cods are among the easiest designs to modify. Don Nelson remarked that ranch houses are part of the interest in the sub-division. Marcia Gradinger, Prairie Village Codes Administrator, refuted a common misconception that there are an inordinate number of rental homes in Prairie Village. Ms. Gradinger stated that out of an inventory of approximately 9,600 homes, only 650 are rental properties. Ruth Hopkins mentioned a first-tier suburb book with floor plans and ideas for Prairie Village homes. Anna Hanson, Overland Park Historical Society, remarked that she has done considerable research on area history. She said it was important for the residents of Prairie Village to realize that Prairie Village is a unique community purposefully established as a community for middle class homeowners. "Prairie Village is a national treasure . . . There is no other community like Prairie Village in America."

Adjournment: The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Chinnery, Secretary