

**Prairie Village Homes Association
Annual Association Meeting
March 4, 2009 Prairie Village Municipal Building**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. President Ian Bartolos presided.

Attended: John Adams, Tom & Honey Barnekoff, Britt Bieri, Bill & Sharon Chinnery, Don & Fran Church, Michael & Ann Doyle, Mark Eddy, Mary Engelken, Susan Forrest, Logan Gerken, Jennifer Haake, Joel Hanish, Ruth Hopkins, Robert & Leona Jackson, Jori Nelson, Ron Nelson, Susan Spencer, & Ashley Weaver.

President's Report: Ian Bartolos reported that our two main accomplishments for the year were to complete the updates to our Bylaws and to respond more quickly to our members via email. Honey Barnekoff asked if the updated Bylaws are posted on our website. Ian replied that he would provide her with a copy. Ian stated that although our Board is interested in Village Vision, the redevelopment plan for Prairie Village, it is a City project and would not be addressed at this meeting.

Guest Speaker: Assistant City Administrator Dennis Enslinger presented information on two programs that provide financial assistance to homeowner planning a home maintenance or improvement project. The Exterior Grant Program is in its second year. The grant would equal 20% of the cost of the project. The grant may not exceed \$2500. The minimal cost of the project must be \$5000 and applies to exterior improvements only. In our Association, only homes west of or fronting Roe and south of or fronting 71ST are eligible to apply. The First Suburbs Loan Program offers home equity loans at reduced rates through Community Federal Bank. Owners of homes built between 1920 and 1950 with a current value not to exceed \$250,000 are eligible to apply. These programs may be combined. More information on both programs is available at City Hall.

Dennis also explained that because our current contract with Deffenbaugh will expire at the end of 2009. The City is currently negotiating with multiple trash collection companies to find the best fit for our city. We should expect changes in how our trash is collected. Changes to regular trash collection may include a limit on the number of bags collected each week or the use of roller carts. Roller carts come in 32 and 64 gallon sizes. They would be provided by the trash collection company. We would use one cart for regular trash and one for recycling. The challenge for homeowners would be storing the roller carts, which are larger than traditional trash cans, when they are not at the curb. Yard waste would, most likely, no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Unlimited yard waste in paper bags would remain acceptable. A member requested that Dennis look into employing a vacuum system of leaf collection similar to what is used in Roeland Park. Dennis explained that there has been a cap in place on what we pay for trash collection over the past several years. We should expect to pay an additional 4% to 6% beginning in 2010. To encourage recycling, #1 through #7 plastics are now accepted. We can expect a northeast community recycling center that will accept glass to open up soon. There is also the possibility of earning thank you points based on the amount that we recycle by weight. Lastly, the day of the week that our trash is collected may change. Trash problems should be reported to the City. We can expect to receive more information on trash collection as details are worked out.

Public Forum: Jenny Haake inquired as to the status of creating of a Historic District and/or an Overlay District. Ian responded that nothing has been established and suggested that Jenny speak with Dennis after the meeting.

Ann Doyle announced that Friends of Village Fest is seeking monetary donations to add amenities to this year's 4th of July festival. Contact Jeannie Koons at City Hall or go to the City's website for more information or to make a donation. Ann asked that we publish this request in our Association's newsletter.

Ian Bartolos added that our Association may have of booth at the Village Fest and /or the Prairie Village Art Fair. The Association is also looking for ways to encourage block parties.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Nelson presented an oral financial report. Printed Copies were made available as well. Ian Bartolos reported that he and Island Coordinator Ashley Weaver had met with the City regarding repairing the fountain located at 69 St, Oxford & El Monte. The City will currently spend up to \$30,000 and has asked our Association to pay the estimated balance of \$36,000 for the fountain's repair. Ian will make the details of the repair available upon request. The Board will consider this request at the next Board Meeting.

Tribute to Dick Haun: Ian Bartolos reported that Dick was not in attendance and that the planned award would be presented to Dick at another time.

Election of Directors: There were no additional nominations from the floor. Candidates introduced themselves. Ballots were collected and tallied. Britt Bieri, Joel Hanish & Jori Nelson were elected to full terms. Andrea Ernst was elected to fill the remaining year of the seat vacated by Bill Chinnery.

Adjournment: Ian Bartolos thanked the members for attending and encouraged them to attend Board meetings. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Forrest, Secretary