

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2025

Location: Home of Ginny Beall

Call to Order

Board President Ginny Beall called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers

Present:

- Kay Bleakley – Treasurer
- Erik Swanson – Treasurer Elect
- Brady Burns – Secretary
- Louise Allen – Director, Park Board Liaison
- Bill Bruning – Director, City Council Liaison
- Alyssa Hermreck – Director, Community Engagement (South of 67th)

Absent:

- Liz Lozier – Director, Community Engagement (North of 67th)

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting held on November 19, 2024 was made by Alyssa Hermreck and seconded by Bill Bruning.

Motion carried unanimously.

City and Community Updates

City Council Liaison Report – Bill Bruning

- Reported some community hesitation regarding sidewalk expansion; however, the city remains generally supportive of efforts to improve walkability.
- Mission Hills has entered a contract to purchase the First Lutheran Church at Tomahawk and Stateline for \$3.2 million. Potential development plans include a community center. Bond approval must be finalized by the end of May. Community input will be sought.
- Noted adoption of helmet requirements for electric scooter use, similar to neighboring Prairie Village.
- Infrastructure updates for Belinder Circle to 70th Terrace (gas, electric, stormwater) will continue on a biennial reassessment basis.

Financial Report – Kay Bleakley

-Distributed and reviewed Income Statement as of March, 31 2025

- Year-to-date (YTD) revenue is exceeding projections.
- The recent annual meeting came within budget, with a minor shortfall of \$56.30.

(May need motion to accept the financial report next time: note to self)

Community Engagement – Alyssa Hermreck

- Alyssa introduced the association's social media initiative, intended to promote community events such as smaller block parties, Turkey Trots etc...
- Ginny recommended promotion of the social media channels in the upcoming December newsletter and emphasized the need to reach residents not active on social media.
- Kay-The association maintains a \$500 printing budget, which could be allocated for a future mailing introducing new communication initiatives for social media.
- Alyssa, Brady Burns, and Liz Lozier will meet to coordinate social media strategy and present a plan at the next board meeting.

Bylaws Review – Bill Bruning & Kay Bleakley

- Ongoing review of bylaws identified several areas needing updates:
 - The Treasurer's responsibilities are not adequately described.
 - Current bylaws do not allow for online voting.
 - Virtual meetings were permitted under COVID-era protocols; consideration needed for permanent provisions.
 - Definition of quorum at the annual meeting currently requires ten members; the board may consider amending this figure.
- Kay also raised the issue of clarifying board term expiration timelines.

Park Board Update – Louise Allen

- Beautification efforts at the park ?? Eisenhower Pond??included planting azaleas and removing liriopse, completed by Heiman and Rosehill.
- Work on Eisenhower Pond has been temporarily suspended. Ginny noted the firm overseeing the project is highly regarded and continues to address the underlying issues.
- A lighting expense for Three Trails Park on Arno and State Line of \$8,500 was noted; clarification is being sought from Cole regarding the invoice.

Additional Business

- Ginny conducted a review of the board roster.
- Ginny reported on her attendance at a Homes Association of Kansas City meeting for Board Presidents hosted by the law firm Martin Pringle, where Rod Hoffman presented on "Traits of Effective Board Members."
- Kay confirmed that the association's IRS Form 990 has been filed and validated with the Homes Association of Kansas City.
- Bill proposed/reported that MHHC is creating plaques for historic homes (50+ years old) ?? 75?? to promote architectural awareness and neighborhood heritage.
- Discussion was held regarding the need to appoint a Vice President to ensure continuity in leadership.
- Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance policies and recent claims were reviewed by Ginny.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Ginny Beall adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.