

## WORNALL HOMESTEAD HOMES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2011 at Country Club United Methodist Church, 57<sup>th</sup> and Wornall.

Present: Beth Antrup, Lisa Duncan, Janelle Sjue, Virgil Larson, Eric Youngberg, John Rich, Tom Usher.

Absent: George Howard. Guest Speaker: LaDene Morton.

President Beth called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm and welcomed neighbors to the WHHA annual meeting. The current Board members introduced themselves.

The first item on the evening's agenda was the election of three board positions and one vacant Board position. Board members running for re-election were Janelle Sjue and Lisa Duncan. Neighbors running for Board positions were Pierce Patterson and Mark Forsythe. After brief comments from each person, votes were taken.

The featured speaker for the evening was LaDene Morton, author of "The Brookside Story, Shops of every Necessary Character". She gave a delightful presentation on the history of the Brookside Shops and development of the Brookside neighborhood.

Eric presented the "100 Year Old Home" banner that can be displayed on homes celebrating 100 years and urged members to sign up for their home's birthdays. Information on architects, permits, and homes will be available on the WHHA website. Neighbor Claudine Thomas presented a story board of her 100 year old home.

Tom gave a Planning Committee update and synopsis of the year's activities. Triangle Park receives additional mowing, aeration and seeding. Voluntary contributions have made this possible and Tom encouraged the group to continue to support the park maintenance. He gave an update on the Huntington island sculpture installation as well. The "Birds in Flight" sculpture is in storage at Zahner Metal Works awaiting the construction of a stone wall at the island. Contract particulars for the stone wall are being completed with KCMO.

Eric noted that WHHA had been contacted by Heartland Tree Alliance after WHHA had submitted a PIAC grant application for 1,500 trees. Heartland Tree Alliance is partnering with Bridging the Gap to assist neighborhoods in tree plantings. WHHA is in line to be the first association to benefit from their expertise and assistance in planting and replacing trees.

Janelle informed the association that she had been present at two city council meetings concerning redistricting. Currently, our association boundaries are proposed to be divided into two areas with 59<sup>th</sup> street as the dividing line. This will affect how the association applies for PIAC grants or contracts with KCMO. Any outstanding PIAC's would need to be resubmitted. Neighbors were urged to review the information that will be provided on the WHHA website and to speak to their council members concerning this matter. A letter from the city attorney elaborating on the redistricting guidelines will be posted on the WHHA website as well.

Beth talked with the group concerning proposed future snow removal for the association. She provided information about the contractor that WHHA would hire if this matter was agreed upon by the membership. The contractor currently services 23 associations in the Metro area. Our 390 households would be rounded up to 400 households, with the association setting the minimum height of inches that would instigate the curb to curb plowing. Salting is not included in this proposal, as salt prices have not been set yet. Seven plows in a year at \$800 per plow equates to

\$15.00 per household in fees. The proposal requires a special assessment of annual dues to include the \$15 fee, which would appear on next year's invoices. Discussion included elderly neighbors potentially not being able to afford the assessment (our bylaws state that any assessments are not able to be enforced), that our sidewalks being cleared of snow are homeowner's responsibility as a city ordinance, and multiple neighbors asking for names of people to hire for snow removal. Beth moved that the plowing service for the neighborhood be retained. There were multiple seconds. The motion carried.

John Rich gave the treasurer's report. He reviewed the revenues, budget, and 2012 funding. Tom moved to approve the 2013 budget. Lisa seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval. There was a request for park maintenance donations, and potential "adopt a neighbor" for snow plowing fees if a need became apparent.

Beth reported on neighborhood impact issues: the WHHA Board is conveying information concerning Bryant School repurposing only, and that the Board has no position on groups vying for the building. One group in particular is making a formal proposal for the building to become the future home of Rockhill Tennis Club. No new meetings with our association have been set by this group at this time.

New Board members were announced: Janelle Sjue and Lisa Duncan were re-elected, with new members Pierce Patterson and Mark Forsythe joining the Board. Congratulations!

Jamie Burke Landis and her opponent Judy Morgan briefly introduced themselves as candidates for state representatives and reminded neighbors to vote in next week's city elections.

Virgil moved to adjourn the meeting. Beth seconded the motion. The appetizers and libations for the evening were purchased from our local Brookside stores: Bella Napoli and The Roasterie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Sanford Duncan, Secretary