

WHHA Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, December 14, 2013, 8:00am  
Bella Napoli, Brookside

In attendance: Lisa Duncan, Virgil Larson, John Rich, Tom Usher, Tom Porto, Marty McDonnell, Pierce Patterson, Eric Youngberg. Absent: Mark Forsythe.

Review/approval of minutes will be possible when they are actually sent....

John emailed the month's treasurer report earlier in the week. The FY 2015 budget will be revised to show the increase in dues. It was confirmed that our Wornall House donation (membership) payment had been sent earlier in 2013. Tom Usher has renewed our snow plowing contract.

Planning:

- The committee will meet January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Eric's home at 6035 Wyandotte. There are additional funds for upcoming projects.

Partners in Parks: still no contact from Peter Gross, our Parks and Rec Partner in Parks representative. We have not received an invoice for 2013 but Triangle Park lawn care seems to have occurred regardless.

- 58<sup>th</sup> and Main is missing a lamp post as it was hit by a car. Who is responsible for replacing it is unclear.

Eric reported on the latest CCROW meeting he attended, and noted that there is a meeting concerning the Trolley Trail Dec. 16. The proposed Whole Foods site access design now does not cross the Trail. It does ask for 35 feet of ROW, but this will conflict with any future streetcar planning. The proposed building with a large blank wall facing existing shops on 51<sup>st</sup> street was considered to be poor design. Marty suggested that he ask VanTrust representatives to meet with the WHHA board to discuss the project and show new design concepts. The board appreciates the opportunity, thanks Marty!

Eric also reported WHHA is one of three neighborhood associations working together with KCMO's Kevin LaPointe for a PIAC grant concerning resupplying trees in public areas. The city has already removed some sickly pine trees along the east side of Brookside Boulevard; some tree stumps are waiting to be removed.

Communication:

- The article submittal deadline is January 7, with the Newsletter scheduled to post February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ellie notes that any extra sheets in the newsletter would not affect postage. Tom Usher will write the article informing neighbors of the recently approved dues increase, a reminder about the snow removal services, and that voluntary donations are wildly welcome.

- The WHHA website will have the newsletters posted when the site is up and running. Currently, newsletters are available through HA-KC's website for viewing.

- Mark Forsythe continues to do an outstanding job with WHHA's facebook page.

- WHHA directories are in the process of being delivered by volunteers and Block Captains. Tom Usher is searching for more Block Captains, and John Callison was unanimously accepted as Captain of his Block. Welcome!

#### Events:

- April 26 was set for Spring Clean Sweep. Pierce advised to check on the prepaid dumpster deal, as KCMO may have discontinued this program. If it is available, both spring and fall dumpsters should be reserved and paid for. Spring's Clean Sweep will have 2 trash/2 brush dumpsters, the Fall Sweep (October 26) will have 2 brush, 1 trash. Tom Usher moved that all dumpsters be purchased now, John seconded and motion carried.

- WHHA Garage Sale is scheduled for May 3. This could be changed if we decide to team up with Morningsides' or Country Club's sale date for more exposure. Mark Forsythe may be storing our garage sale signs, please report if so. If not, Lisa will ask Beth. Eric suggested more signs could increase attendance.

July 4<sup>th</sup> parade will occur, and the annual meeting is November 7, 7 pm at Country Club United Methodist Church, 57<sup>th</sup> and Wornall.

#### Old Business:

- Tom Usher becomes President, and Mark Forsythe was voted at Vice President. John Rich remains Treasurer, and Lisa Duncan continues as secretary. Mark, if you have read this far, congrats! It was unanimous.

- HOA dues increase: John will contact Clarence Foxworthy/HA-KC regarding legal procedures/bylaw modifications required. Dues are an assessment. The snow plowing charge is a special assessment.

- WHHA considered giving \$50 to organizers of block parties to encourage neighborhood mingling. The parameters would include all neighbors on block to be invited and must sign, multiple neighbors must be involved in planning, and permits are required from the city. It was decided to table this conversation as sponsoring or confirming this activity might be more than the board cares to be involved in; the same procedures can be done for block parties through the city, just without our cash encouragement.

Vigil moved to adjourn; Tom Porto seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.

Respectfully submitted- Lisa Sanford Duncan, Secretary