

WHHA Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 13, 2014, 8:00am
Bella Napoli, Brookside

In attendance: Lisa Duncan, Tom Usher, John Rich, Eric Youngberg, Sandy Eeds, Tim Sady. Absent: Tom Porto, Marty McDonnell, Lynn Peterson.
Guest: Mary Jane Mitchell (*redacted*).

Minutes: the secretary promises to produce minutes before the next board meeting!

President Tom Usher introduced our guest Mary Jane Mitchell, a long time resident. Mary Jane talked about contributing to our information sharing processes, such as a "House of the Month" feature. She can post to Facebook if the board gives information and selection of homes. Tim Sady is the new administrator of our WHHA facebook page, taking over for Mark Forsythe. Mark may continue to post the public announcements. Tim will give Mary Jane administrative access to the WHHA page. We discussed if the WHHA facebook page should be closed to members only, and posting quarterly newsletters there.

- Communication: discussion of a newsletter in paper vs. electronic form was discussed. Eric noted that he received more responses regarding 100 year house banners from paper newsletters than the fliers that were distributed. Suggestions for the newsletter were a recurring calendar, new advertising, and articles, of which Eric has a backlog. A Brookside business could be featured, with the owner writing the article. Lisa will do articles on the repaired carillon at Country Club United Methodist Church and snow removal. Sandy said we should commit to continuing the newsletter and Tim will explore setting it up for publication. Eric will write an article concerning temporary signage postings: no signs are to be posted between sidewalks and curbs. The city can fine an owner for such posts. Eric is authorized and trained to remove illegal signs (or relocate them, commonly done for metal realtor signs).

- An article can note the achievements of the Wornall Road construction.

- The decorative lamppost idea from November's meeting can be a potential future project.

- Finance: John reported on the year to date, WHHA is doing well with a \$3,027 net gain. The accounts receivable balance is \$2,853.77. Most delinquent residents are owners on Brookside Blvd, who refuse to pay the snow plowing assessment: Brookside Blvd. is plowed by the city. John reports that a new owner discovered delinquent dues of \$180 not researched by they title company and had the title company pay them.

- John reported that the budget amendment that was voted on during November's annual meeting was not reflected in the financial statements yet. John will notify HA-KC regarding the amendment change of the budget.

Tom noted that the Triangle Park invoice for lawn maintenance had come due; John moved to send the invoice amount to HA-KC to pay. KCMO Parks and Rec. Lisa seconded the motion and it was approved.

Tom also mentioned reserving and paying for dumpsters for the 2015 Clean Sweeps. Mary Jane suggested a “swap pile” for April’s Clean Sweep day, and post the opportunity on WHHA’s facebook page.

Planning Committee: Tom U. asked what needed addressed for 2015: sidewalk replacements and Bryant Elementary School were suggested. The need to identify attributes and eyesores is on-going; Sandy volunteered to be on the Planning Committee. Trees: Eric is a certified tree keeper. KCMO has no tree replacement maintenance budget. Eric’s recent grant request for tree diversity plantings was denied. We will continue to add tree plantings to the agenda. The board discussed adding tree layers to city maps, as a variety of data can be set. The board discussed using this as a tool to map tree species and location. Frank Lenk, of Mid America Regional Council is in charge of the city mappng project and Sandy will talk with him.

Social Events:

The annual WHHA picnic had low turn-out in the last years it was hosted. We need to schedule social events, and block captains should be encourage to host block parties. Wornall House has a plant sale in the spring and a garden tour, along with other activities. Lisa will work with Mary Jane on sharing this information with neighbors.

New Residents, as of July and August:

- Jeff and Beverly Schroeder 5836 Central
- Erik and Rory Akers 5925 Wornall
- Natalie Kirk 206 West 62nd street

Old Business:

- Tom Usher will write a welcome letter to be included in the package that HA-KC send to all new neighbors. Lisa will work with Claudine Thomas on creating a welcome basket.
- Tom wants to fill all Block Captain vacancies. We need to engage our neighbors and find owners willing to take care of their blocks.
- The crosswalk on the tolley trial by the Roasterie needs to be prominent as it is a dangerous crosswalk.
- A motion to remove Brookside’s existing tennis courts and add more parking was removed from KCMO’s docket as it violates Brookside’s ordinances and green spaces.

New Business:

- We need to engage with Brookside merchants.
- Lisa was voted in to fill a vacant board position. The board has not chosen a vice president yet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted- Lisa Sanford Duncan, Secretary