

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2013

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church

Present were President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Maureen Hardy, Carol Gould and Laura Lavalley, provisional board members Laura Lynch and WPHA attorney Aaron Schwartz, and 14 other members.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

A slate of directors for 2013-2014 was presented, as follows: Alison Baker, Maureen Hardy, Dennis Young, Frank Haar, Jon Rand, Carol Gould, Gaye Tillotson and Laura Lavalley. The slate was unanimously approved.

Also, Mr. Haar announced that Aaron Schwartz and Laura Lynch are in the process of qualifying to be Board members and will be confirmed next year.

Sara Wiercinski, Sarah Darmitzel and Kristi Cruise, representing Friends of Hale Cook, gave an update on the school's opening in temporary quarters at Hartman School and explained their plans to retain students and recruit new ones. They also explained the Hale Cook boundaries and distributed recruiting flyers.

Ms. Darmitzel said a new bench, acquired through a grant in partnership with WPHA, will be installed on the Hale Cook campus Oct. 27 from 2-5 p.m.

Ms. Cruise said she had been reluctant to place her daughter in the Kansas City school district until she met members of Friends of Hale Cook at the Waldo Fall Festival. She said she was persuaded to enroll in Hale Cook's kindergarten class and that, "So far it's been awesome."

Lara Isch from Kansas City Water Services gave a presentation on the massive sewer upgrades that are estimated to cost from \$4 billion to \$5 billion by their 2035 completion. Terry Leeds, the agency's director,

estimated that monthly water bills eventually will double from their present average of \$84.

Detective Brent Parsons, WPHA security patrol chief, commended WPHA for its relatively low crime rate. He offered statistics on security patrol stops during 2012, offered several safety tips and encouraged residents to call 911 for any concerns. He also suggested residents call 911 to report any solicitors, even those who may seem legitimate because they often lack city licenses.

Mr. Haar reminded residents how to request extra security vigilance for their homes when they are on vacation or away on business.

Mr. Haar announced he was soliciting bids for snow removal. He cautioned, however, that the bid will total about \$1,000 per plowing. He also pointed out that, in contrast to Armour Fields, where residents pay for snow removal, WPHA has low and non-mandatory dues. Ms. Lynch said she would be willing to pay higher dues for snow removal, even if many other residents would refuse to pay for the service.

Mr. Haar adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.