

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2017

Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church
7406 Ward Pkwy., Kansas City, MO 64114

Board members present: Vice President Alison Baker, Secretary Julie Wittman, Carol Gould

Board members absent: Gaye Tillotson, Maureen Hardy

Other attendees: Ryan Underwood, Jeremy LaFaver, Bob Gould, Linetta Thurmon, Nancy Bader

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m.

The minutes for the April 4, 2017, WPHA Board meeting were read and approved.

Alison Baker reported on behalf of the Neighborhood Night Out event in April. Approximately 50 residents attended. She is seeking someone to take the lead on planning the fall event in late September/early October.

Carol Gould reported on behalf of the Garden Tour Committee. Resident Jill Huxtable has expressed interest in being a tour host location. Gould will discuss with Mike Allmon whether we have enough participating homes to confirm the event. Tentatively considering June 11 and 25 for tour dates.

Several board members reported on behalf of the 4th of July Picnic. Baker confirmed that Frank Haar has arranged for Royals mascot Sluggerrr to attend, and he will solicit Royals gear for prizes. Maureen Hardy has requested a fire truck. Jeremy LaFaver agreed to coordinate food provided by the neighborhood (e.g., brisket, hotdogs and hamburgers, paper goods and water). Julie Wittman has submitted a block party permit application to the city. Baker believes Gaye Tillotson is waiting for the insurance certificate for Hale Cook Elementary.

Wittman reported that the WPHA needs to secure its website through installing an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) certificate, which encrypts communication between a web browser and web server. The WPHA Board approved the purchase of a two-year SSL certificate through its website hosting company.

LaFaver agreed to represent the WPHA at the inaugural meeting of the Country Club/Waldo Area Plan Steering Committee on May 18. LaFaver expressed an interest in developing a strategic plan for improving sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Bob Gould reported on statistics and trends discussed during the Community Policing Action Cooperative meeting from April 11. Thirty to 33 percent of 911 calls are related to mental health issues. Property crimes are generally pushed to bottom of priority list below more serious issues. Homelessness is an ongoing problem, and KCPD is understaffed.

It was agreed that the next Security Committee meeting would be held on May 30 at 6 p.m. at Crow's Coffee.

Baker reported on behalf of the Beautification Committee. Flowers for the urns on corner posts have come in and will be delivered soon. A special order has been placed for an urn on the public marker on west side, like the one at 75th and Belleview.

Baker reported on the upcoming fall membership drive. She would like to get materials to printer MailWorks in August so the mailing can be sent to residents in early September.

Carol Gould reported on behalf of the Block Ambassadors. Ryan Underwood and Aaron Osborne have offered to take over coordination of the program.

No financial report was provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Julie Wittman.