



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2021**  
**Held via G-Suite Conference Call**

**Board members present:** President Nancy Bader, Vice President Richard Murray, Secretary Amanda Rhodes, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Alison Baker, Alex DeMasi, Maureen Hardy, B. Michael McFarland, Becky Schubkegel

**Board members absent:** none

**Other attendees:** Linetta Thurman

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Nancy Bader. A quorum was present.

**Guest Introductions:** none

Minutes from the January 5, 2021 WPHA Board meeting were reviewed. Bader moved to approve the minutes and Treasurer Gaye Tillotson seconded. The January 5, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

Tillotson reported on financials, which were provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Member dues paid to date are \$9,856.49 (275 homes: 202 Platinum memberships and 73 Gold memberships) and Security Patrol dues paid to date are \$12,200.00. Total income over expenses for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 currently stands at \$14,213.19.

Next, Linetta Thurman reported on Security Committee activity, which was provided via email prior to the meeting. She summarized the Community Policing Action Cooperative ("CPAC") meeting minutes.

Vice President Richard Murray then reported that he had no Membership Committee update for this month. Murray stated that he anticipates having a report for the March meeting.

Bader noted that she had no Beautification Committee report for this month.

Next, B. Michael McFarland reported on Communications Committee activity, which was provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. He reminded Board members to provide comments on the draft newsletter by Wednesday.

#### Events Update

Alison Baker then reported on the Discount Card project, a summary of which was provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Baker stated that the card is currently at the printers. The card contains discounts at 18 local merchants. Tillotson noted that she will keep track of additional memberships received after the meeting and will forward same to Baker for distribution of the discount card. McFarland thanked Baker, Maureen Hardy, and the committee for their hard work on the discount card, especially during Covid-19.

#### New Business

Secretary Amanda Rhodes reported on the Easter events. A report on the Easter Egg Quest event was provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Rhodes then discussed the interest in hosting a Covid-safe Easter Bunny event where children can meet the Easter Bunny

and take pictures. Several Board members noted that residents would likely be interested in the event. Rhodes clarified that the event would not be limited to members-only but rather it would be open to the entire neighborhood. Rhodes will reach out to Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church to discuss availability of their parking lot. She will provide an update on the event at the March meeting.

Next, Alex DeMasi reported on his work with the Public Improvements Advisory Committee ("PIAC"). DeMasi stated that the WPHA request was denied. He noted that the city had several 2020 projects that took priority, but WPHA was encouraged to apply again next year. DeMasi is currently accepting suggestions/ideas for additions to the prior request. He suggested that residents take photographs of any issues.

Bader inquired as to how to communicate with residents on the PIAC request. DeMasi stated that an article in the newsletter would be helpful, as would a targeted email to residents. He also proposed setting up a separate email account or Google document to collect responses. Murray agreed with these ideas.

Thurman inquired as to whether DeMasi got a sense of the types of projects that were approved. DeMasi responded that larger, unexpected projects arose during 2020 that required immediate attention. For example, there was a sewer issue a few blocks south. He also noted that PIAC had less funds due to Covid-19. However, DeMasi noted that John Sharp, our PIAC representative, had a positive response to the WPHA request. Sharp noted that he had never seen sidewalks in such disrepair. To help with the next request, DeMasi will attempt to figure out potential costs of repair.

Murray noted that it is a good idea for the Board to keep an eye on the budget. There may be federal funds that become available to Kansas City. If that is the case, the city may re-work the PIAC budget.

Bader inquired as to whether PIAC publishes its approved projects. DeMasi is unsure and will follow-up on that question. Bader noted that she intends to meet with DeMasi and Murray to further discuss plans for the PIAC request.

Next, DeMasi reported that he will explore whether the city should be or can be responsible for the maintenance of the

Thurman and Bader thanked DeMasi for taking on the PIAC project and noted that residents appreciate this endeavor.

Bader then noted that there is a municipal election scheduled for April 6, 2021, the date of an upcoming Board meeting. She inquired as to whether any Board member wanted to change the meeting date. No Board members expressed interest in changing the meeting date. Bader will re-visit this next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Amanda Rhodes.*

**\* This meeting was held via G-Suite conference call pursuant to the [Covid-19 stay-at-home order](#) issued by Mayor Quinton Lucas on March 21, 2020.**