



Board Meeting Minutes

March 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; Tanesha Ford

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Nancy Bader. A quorum was present.

Guest Introductions: Bader introduced Tanesha Ford, candidate-at-large for the school board of Kansas City Public Schools ("KCPS"). Ford described her career experience in education and her vision for KCPS. Ford then discussed the current state of KCPS. Bader thanked Ford for joining the meeting and sharing her vision. Ford thanked the WPHA for its time and encouraged Board members and residents to visit www.TaneshaFord.com for additional information on her candidacy.

Minutes from the February 2, 2021 WPHA Board meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Gaye Tillotson noted that page 2 of the minutes should be revised to state "DeMasi reported that he will explore whether the city should be or can be responsible for the maintenance of the islands". Bader moved to approve the minutes, subject to this revision, and Vice President Richard Murray seconded. The February 2, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

Next, Tillotson reported on financials, which were provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Member dues paid to date are \$10,010.65 (278 homes: 203 Platinum memberships and 75 Gold memberships) and Security Patrol dues paid to date are \$12,260.00. Total income over expenses for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 currently stands at \$13,176.17.

Tillotson reported that the Discount Card project is currently budgeted under "Administration". Murray will review his notes to confirm that the project has been assigned to the proper category. Tillotson also noted that the project appeared to go over budget. Bader noted that one item in the project was donated, and she will address the discrepancy at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

Linetta Thurman then noted that her Security Committee report was provided via email prior to the meeting.

Next, Murray reported on Membership Committee activity. He noted that this year there will be no Mid-Year Membership Drive. The Membership Committee will remind residents who have not joined about the monthly payment option. Murray does not see devaluing the membership for rest of year as being worthwhile this year with Covid-19 budget concerns. He encouraged Board members to drive residents to the monthly option if they wish to join mid-year.

Murray then discussed the welcome kits and noted there is a committee for creation and distribution. The welcome kits have been broken into two different components: (1) information to new residents regarding neighborhood and (2) recognizing residents who join WPHA. Murray noted that the welcome kit list is generated by real estate listings. The welcome kit itself has been streamlined and includes more relevant information for new residents, including: 2021 resource list (handful of important numbers/websites); 2021 WPHA calendar; membership form; contact information for the President and Vice President; and KC More magazine. When a resident who receives a welcome kit then joins WPHA, the committee will drop off a pint glass. The pint glass will include the new WPHA Discount Card.

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 Thursday. Alison Baker stated that the orchard/garden at Hale Cook Elementary would like to be featured in the newsletter. McFarland expressed interest in the feature and requested that Baker forward the necessary contact information.

Alex DeMasi then reported on his role as the WPHA Government Liaison. DeMasi updated the Board on the Public Improvements Advisory Committee ("PIAC") request. He noted that residents can track each request through the city website and the city estimated the WPHA request to cost over \$3.7 million. After discussion with Bader and Murray, DeMasi has requested no additional feedback on the request. He thinks the WPHA has submitted a solid request and that adding projects to the request will not be beneficial.

Bader inquired whether it is safe to assume that if the city estimated the request then they are seriously considering it for the next year. DeMasi agreed with that assumption and will follow-up when it gets closer to summer and gauge interest from the District Six representative. Bader is hopeful that this means there is potential for approval.

Events Update

Secretary Amanda Rhodes then provided an update on the upcoming Easter events, which was provided to the Board via email prior to the meeting. Becky Schubkegel instructed any Board members (or other residents) who are interested in helping to please email her. DeMasi volunteered to serve as the Easter Bunny.

Baker then reported on the Discount Card project. Discount cards have been mailed to members and Board members confirmed receipt. Tillotson stated that the card itself looks great and Board members agreed. Baker encouraged members to support local businesses. Bader complimented Baker on undertaking the project.

New Business

Next, Bader discussed the Harvesters Food Drive. The pick-up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th with a bag delivery date one week prior. Bader instructed any Board members (or residents) who would like to deliver or pick-up bags to please email her directly. Schubkegel noted that she will forward Bader a list of residents who have previously expressed interest.

Bader then noted a new business has applied for a liquor license. Jovito's Italian Café and Deli took over the One More Cup space. It has requested liquor license from 6 am to 1:30 am on Monday through Saturday, and 9 am to midnight on Sunday. Jovito's has a front patio and back deck and intends to serve alcohol on both spaces. Bader further noted that businesses and residents directly near the space can voice their concerns to the licensing authority.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 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.**