

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Greenway Fields Homes Association
October 21, 2013
APPROVED

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the home of Nola Devitt.

Board Members:

Present - Nola Devitt, Scott Kaiser, Beth Noble, Cady Seabaugh, Jeanette LePique; Clem Helmstetter present via phone link.

Absent - Julie Nelson Meers, Christian Schulz

Agenda

Agenda for October 16, 2013 meeting submitted by Clem Helmstetter and approved with the addition of discussion HAKC Annual All Boards Dinner.

Old Business

Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes from September 16, 2013 Board of Directors were approved.

Financial Update

Clem reported on CID fund. Six-month financial marker has appropriate expenditures YTD but he noted expenses increase in winter months (snow plowing, increased security patrols during holidays, etc.). He will check with Fox at HAKC regarding YTD "write-offs" for Homes Association.

New Business

Communication Plan

"Greenway Fields Communications Guidance" submitted by Cady (General Information, Activities, Emergency Announcements, non-GFHA sponsored news, Lighthearted Community Pieces). It was suggested to have direct communication to residents via email for time-critical information (snow plowing, parking, temporary traffic disruptions/road closures, ...) instead of relying on Block Captains to forward. Perhaps Block Captains could collect emails for aggregation by GFHA. Cady suggests "list service" approach (i.e. Word Press). Cady will call HAKC regarding their mailing list/master spreadsheet and inquire about adding an email column. Scott suggests allowing "unsubscribe" option if residents move or no longer wish to receive emails from GFHA.

HAKC provides a "welcome" packet for new residents and it was suggested to include a current newsletter and information to access GFHA (website, FaceBook,...). Beth suggested involving local merchants as an introduction to neighborhood.

Landscape Update

Beth reported on several areas impacted by recent sewer construction project that are in need of restoration/sodding (Monkey Island - south side, Strawn Park - west side, Pennsylvania - several blocks, Greenway Circle). Beth will ask current landscaper to make list of needed work and work that has been completed. Clem will forward this to project manager and ask City to contribute for needed restoration.

Landscaping bids for 2014 (maintenance and seasonal foliage) will be due in November.

Snow plowing contractor will work at same rate as 2012-13 rate.

Clem suggested delaying mulch application in playground area until Spring 2014 due to construction project and approaching winter. Nola suggests checking on doing it now for possible better pricing. Clem will check with vendors with plan of bulk delivery and placement on top of existing mulch.

Tree Update

Beth reported little response from City regarding tree planting status (Forestry Department, Parks & Rec, written 3-1-1 request). Clem will contact Rose (PIAC funding) and Councilman Sharp's assistant, Shelley, for update on project status.

Kansas City StreetCar Project - GFHA position

Current planned route is River Market to Union Station. Board members present unanimously support and endorse a feasibility study of connecting and extending proposed streetcar line to Brookside area.

Newsletter

November mailing will include President letter (CID and what it pays for), Exceptional Home with historical photo - 6217 Valley, Tree Lighting 12/5 @ 6 p.m., Holiday party 12/8, home security during holidays.

Strawn Park Pedestal Repair

Beth has reported the new ball has been replaced and pedestal restored in Strawn Park.

HAKC Annual All Boards Dinner

Board members received invitation for November 6th event. GFHA members have not attended in past. Jeanette will look into specifics and if there is any benefit to GFHA for attending.

Next Meeting and Location

The next meeting will be Monday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jeanette LePique, 6418 Wornall Terrace.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.