

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
GREENWAY FIELDS HOMES ASSOCIATION

February 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meeting

The Charlie Hooper's, Brookside

- Welcome, 9:00 AM – Clem
 - Introduce current board members.
 - Present – Clem Helmstetter, Derek Ramsay, Joe Cherrito, Laura Masterson, Elizabeth Nobel, Kurt Knapstein
 - Absent – Sarah McCracken, Bob Deeg

- Financials, 9:02 AM – Clem
 - GFHA – good condition, no concerns, pointed out a few large costs in 2017 (Centennial Celebration / fall festival) Cash on hand Dec 17- \$9,300. Largest remaining expenditure will be approx. \$6,200 for statue repair, which could leave approx. \$3,000 gain for FY 2017-2018.
 - GFNCID - good condition, no concerns, pointed out large costs in 2017 (major maintenance, recent improvements)
 - \$20,000 spend out of Major reserves for improvements to parks and common spaces.
 - Board has set up a fund to treat deferred maintenance issues on a regular basis
 - Proposed 2018/19 Fiscal Year budget – Pending City approval and will be approved by GFNCID board by April 2018 under Missouri Sunshine rules, approx \$54,000. Roughly \$8,500 remains for FY 17/18.
 - Quick thank you to all residents for passage of the CID back in 2009. Many other neighborhoods are struggling with upkeep, voluntary dues collection and major / violent crimes. Armour Hills, Ward Parkway Homes Assoc. and Morningside have all reached out to Greenway Fields for suggestions and guidance on topics of security and CID.

- Newsletter, 9:10 AM – Joe
 - Discussion of ad free newsletter at request of residents, we now have 3 issues annually.
 - Content suggestions email board@greenwayfields.org.
 - Neighbors encouraged to submit articles of interest to future newsletter editions.

- Board Elections, 9:12 AM – Clem
 - 4 seats open / 1 vacant seat open this calendar year.
 - bylaws state 5 – 9 directors rotating 2-year term; all must be resident / volunteer within GFHA.
 - 1 vote per household only, this year option to vote up to 5 people.
 - Beth Noble – incumbent seeking re-election
 - Catherine Hamelin -
 - Heidi Dixon-White -
 - Scott Tansey – Not present, Clem spoke on his behalf.
 - Vacant one-year term

- Security Update, 9:20 AM – Joe
 - Our off duty KCPD officers got an hourly raise from \$35/hr to \$40/hr, budget has already been increased to support change going forward. This was necessary as officers were getting better rates at plaza and local businesses.
 - Quick review of crime incidents in Greenway Fields:, no violent incidents within our neighborhood in 2017. (Believe there was 5 events in our neighborhood in all of 2017. Mostly unlocked car, rummage, and one open door.
 - We pay off duty officers for random patrol, very few know schedule and not published for safety reasons. February alone we have 38 patrol times within Greenway Fields.

- Major Karen True, new Major at Metro Patrol – 10 min chat about safety in our neighborhood
 - Remind neighbors to lock their cars, please don't leave firearms in you vehicle
 - KCPD encourages neighbors to call 911 to report any problems in the neighborhood
 - Joe recommends neighbors download and use the Nextdoor App to communicate and keep updated on all neighborhood issues, including security concerns.
 - WatchKC, local private video surveillance cameras can register with KCPD and be used to solve crimes.
 - Please attend upcoming open house on 5p to 7p with Crime Prevention officers and , flyers were made available to attendees
 - Recent problem with older pickup and tow trucks stealing automobiles out of driveways and selling them to scrap yards.
 - Biggest crime trend: Cyber security, especially with elderly
 - Major True encouraged neighbors to sign up for Citizens Police Academy, next session is at North Patrol
 - Break-ins at Loose Park on the rise, lock your cars and don't leave valuables in plain sight.
 - Information requested about MO law that allows cars 10 years or older to be sold without title- issue for Jefferson City
- Landscaping updates, 9:35 AM – Beth
 - Quick review of all projects complete last year.
 - 2018 statue restoration, and placement back into park, with new foundations, etc.
 - Pending PIAC grant review for Blue Sidewalk tile repairs in FY 18/19.
 - Tree plantings from fall 2017 were pushed to spring 2018 due to low nursery stock.
 - Park improvement, new benches, swing / playset expansion, monkey island and column maintenance to original entry of Wornall Manor along Valley Rd with tuckpoint and arbors.
 - Monkey Island plantings will be a focus this year
 - Valley columns have been restored and plans to add plantings around the columns and pergola
 - Neighbors are encouraged to submit recommendations for beautification to the board
 - Thank you to Beth for her wonderful book about the history of Greenway Fields
 - Comment: Consider adding playground amenities for older children (4-10ish). Park is small and on a busy street so difficult to allow older kids to play there.
 - Lack of trees in certain spots lead to heat islands, which the board is trying to address.
- Election results, 9:45 AM – Clem
 - Heidi White, Catherine Hamelin, Scott Tansey, Ben Williams, Beth Nobel (renewed term), were all elected to the Greenway Fields Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.
- Final topics of important note, 9:47 AM - Kurt
 - City recognition of Gold level green award. Our target was Platinum status for LED street lights within neighborhood. We will receive street sign toppers "Gold status" and donation of trees from the City.
 - Centennial celebration and the historical book that Elizabeth Nobel produced, documenting our past 100 years. Thanks to all that contributed to both efforts.
 - Additionally, Beth, has a video that was completed at the Centennial Celebration that will be shared via email blast / mail chimp since we don't have a way to share today.
 - Board is reviewing costs to add plaques on the 100-year note, 1917-2017 at Meyer and Greenway columns, which will be a nice addition to note this historical milestone.
- Neighborhood News / Open Floor Questions, 9:50 AM
 - REIT has purchased many of the commercial buildings in Brookside business district. MOTION: GFHA Board will dedicate member to represent GFHA as a Liaison to Brookside CID and Southtown Council. Changes may be coming to the commercial district.
 - Jennifer Woolsey, Armor Hills resident and KCSD Board Member, in attendance and available to answer any questions.
- Adjourn at 10 AM, thank you to Charlie Hooper's staff for hosting us annually.