

Greenway Fields Homes Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2016

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the home of Jeanette LePique, 6418 Wornall Terrace

Board Members:

Present - Sarah McCracken, Bob Deeg, Nikki Crawford, Nola Devitt, Beth Noble, Jeanette LePique

Absent - David Slawson

Non-Board Member present: Ruth Bates (GFHA resident)

I. Agenda

Agenda for June 20, 2016 meeting submitted and approved.

II. Old Business

- A. Minutes from May 2016 unanimously approved.
- B. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment -Nola reported that two Ash trees in the Park at 63rd & Valley needed treatment but Nola shared that, according to Don Archer from Soil Service, one tree is dying and should be removed. Beth stated that 38 easement trees were treated in the 2013 treatment to prevent spread by Urban Tree Specialists using chemical and equipment from an Arbor Society grant. Residents were encouraged to treat ash trees on private property. Beth also stated that there are 120 Ash trees in GFHA on public and private property and the EAB attacks from the crown of the tree so damage is difficult to assess until it may be too late. Nola reported for David that Urban Tree Specialists treated in 2013 and then the City re-treated trees. Nola suggested getting an accurate count of current Ash trees in GFHA and assess the health of the trees and then determine treatment plan. Sarah will call Urban Tree Specialists to see if they are interested in counting and assessing the Ash tree population in the neighborhood.

III. New Business

- A. President's Update - Jeanette for David
 - 1. Meyer Circle Fountain / PIAC
The Meyer Circle Fountain is not operational due to a leak in the basin which has caused mechanical and electrical malfunction. The repair estimate is \$500,000. David has had email communication from neighboring associations about joining forces to pool PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) grant applications toward repair. Jeanette has reached out to Romanelli West and Armour Fields

Board presidents about GFHA supporting the project and will report findings to Board.

2. Events:

a. Neighborhood Sale / Signs

No issues with the May 20-21st neighborhood sale weekend and signs are still being collected. Sale dates coordinated with other HOA sales.

b. Picnic Summary

The picnic June 12th was attended by approximately 60 people, in spite of threatening weather. The amount of Jack's Stack was sufficient with some meat and bread leftover. We purchased 10 lbs Brisket and 6 lbs Turkey and used 26 buns and one loaf of white bread. Residents Wendy Trainor and Gina Valentino suggest a bounce house and a fire truck visit for kids at the 2017 Picnic.

c. Popsicle Parade will be Monday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. with Parade beginning in front of 635 W. Meyer. Nola will coordinate with the help of Bob Deeg and David:

popsicles (300) and coolers/ice

Water and lemonade (orange beverage coolers from David)

Cups (100-200)

Table (cloth & bunting)

Music from Bob Jump

Trash bags

Camera for newsletter /Facebook photos

B. Treasurer's Report - Sarah

Sarah summarized FY May '15 - April '16. HAKC has had employee changes and the May '16 GFHA has some discrepancies that Sarah will clear up before next meeting. St. Andrew's paid their HOA dues in May '16. Budget is on target with HOA assets \$17,633 and CID assets \$67,385.

C. Lawn / Landscape - Nola

1. Landscape Plan from Don Archer:

Nola shared the plans for the "Park" at 63rd & Valley and "Island" at 62nd & Pennsylvania. The "Park" will be an **active** space. Recommendations are to remove existing diseased ash tree by 63rd Street, new seating south of play area, create an open space for children to play games (?move concrete benches to open that space), move statues that were donated by J.C.Nichols in order to correct drainage issue. The "Island" will be a **passive** space for relaxation. Recommendations are to possibly remove the large dying oak tree and build a pergola. Landscape to include transplanting existing plants from other areas in GFHA. Nola suggests presenting plans to GFHA residents for feedback, possibly displaying in the two areas. Beth wants no changes to the Park on 63rd Street.

2. Mosquito treatment in Park. Don Archer recommends treating for mosquitoes in the park areas. Soil Service does not provide this service. Nola will contact *Ryan Lawn* about treating the areas.

D. Security - Bob, Nola and Jeanette

1. Security Meeting: re-cap of meeting 6/18 at Metro Patrol, 75th & Prospect. Jeanette & Nola attended the meeting, along with residents Bob & Majorie Jump, and met with Officer Trainor and Officer Henriot to discuss the off-duty security provided KCPD officers. After talking with Officer Henriot, Nola and Jeanette were pleased with the security service to the neighborhood and Nola will do an article for the next Newsletter. We will invite an officer from the security patrol to the Annual Meeting in February to meet with residents.

E. Newsletter Update - Nikki

The next issue will be in September with article submissions by August 15th to Nikki. Content will be President's letter (David), MailChimp info / sign-up, request for Centennial Committee volunteers (Nikki), Security Patrol (Nola), Out & About (Jeanette).

F. Communication - Nola

1. MailChimp: Upcoming notices (Parade, Sidewalk Sale 7/7-7/10). Residents need to sign up for MailChimp and Nola & Bob will add link for signup to GFHA website.
2. Online Communication Guide from Cady Seabaugh (January 2016) reviewed regarding website, GFHA Email Blast, and GFHA FaceBook. Jeanette has a copy of the information sheet to share.

G. 2017 Centennial Planning Committee - Nikki and Beth

First meeting was held 6/14/16 at David's, with Nikki and Beth in attendance, as well as other neighbors. Ideas are for a neighborhood Brunch in the Spring, expanded route for Popsicle Parade, daytime Picnic (September or October) with Classic Cars, character actors, fire truck, face painting, puppets,... and an adult party in the evening. Nola would like specific budget projections. Next committee meeting will be 7/12/16 at 7 p.m. at David's (400 W. 63rd St.)

H. Name Change of Park - Beth

Discussion of the space at 63rd St. & Valley. Jeanette and Nola researched the history of the space and found no actual name for this triangular "pocket park". A plaque was placed on the concrete bench in 1995 dedicated to long-time resident and GFHA Board member, Ferrel Strawn, and since then, the park has been commonly referred to as Strawn Park. Beth requested that as a Board we no longer refer to this park as Strawn Park. Bob motioned for a vote to be taken that we no longer refer to the green space at

63rd & Valley as Strawn Park and all future Board communication will refer to this space as *Greenway Fields Park*. **A vote was taken** and it was passed unanimously.

I. Resident Survey response plan - Beth

The resident survey conducted last Fall had 39 responses out of 343 GFHA homes. Discussion ensued about re-sending the survey to give residents an opportunity to share in the planning of the Centennial celebration. Beth will send the results of the last survey to Nikki and Nikki will re-send in the future.

J. Calendar - Jeanette

Board will meet in July. Snow Removal contract should be decided in the next few months.

IV. Next Board Meeting Date & Location

The next meeting will be Monday, July 18, 2016, at Sarah McCracken's, 450 W. 62nd Terr.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.