

Stratford Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting
June 13, 2007

Location: HACCD Office, 222 W. Gregory

Time: 7:00pm

In Attendance: Mary Martin, Gwen Caranchini, Colleen Kennedy, Paul Mohr, Maggie Shine, Randy Bredar, Diane Bradshaw, Beth Chu, Jennifer King, Joy Blake-Krug.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Martin at 7:00pm.

Nomination of Officers.

Gwen Caranchini nominated Paul Mohr for president. The nomination was seconded by Maggie Shine. Diane Bradshaw nominated Colleen Kennedy for vice president. Maggie Shine seconded the nomination. Randy Bredar nominated Beth Chu for secretary which was seconded by Diane Bradshaw. Colleen Kennedy nominated Maggie Shine for treasurer and the nomination was seconded by Joy Blake-Krug. A vote was taken on the slate of nominated officers and approved unanimously.

Mary Martin then turned the meeting over to Paul Mohr. Paul thanked Mary for all of her hard work as president the past year.

Committee assignments were discussed.

Gwen Caranchini stated that she would like to continue to work on the newsletter and the security alerts. Paul asked Beth Chu if she would like to assist with the newsletter as well and she agreed.

Colleen Kennedy will work on the new neighborhood directory. She also agreed to work on the e-mail list with Gwen.

Colleen Kennedy and Diane Bradshaw will welcome new members.

Diane Bradshaw and Joy Blake-Krug will work on the social activities committee, which includes the holiday party and the garage sale, as well as organizing the annual meeting.

Jennifer King and Mary Martin will continue working in improving the islands.

The snow plow contract will be handled by Randy Bredar and he will also handle complaints.

Paul Mohr will work on security issues.

Financial Report

The current financial report (attached) was discussed. As voted on at the annual meeting, one half of the surplus will be allocated for the island beautification project and the other half will be put in reserves.

E-Mail List Update

Paul Mohr thanked Gwen for her work on compiling the e-mail list for the Association. Gwen reported that she is still getting some e-mails returned. She is able to correct the problem by sending some individually. On other returned e-mails, she has had to follow-up with a phone call to get a new e-mail address. She reported that it takes about 45 minutes to send the e-mails.

There was discussion on how to handle the delivery of information to those members without e-mail addresses. It was decided to have the block captains deliver the newsletters to those individuals. The Annual Meeting and holiday party information will be mailed by the US postal service.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Maggie Shine to approve the minutes as written from the Board Meeting on April 18, 2007. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

New Business

There was discussion about complaints received from current home owners to the Stratford Gardens Homes Association about issues at the property at 6216 Ward Parkway. It is apparently a rental property. Mary Martin has met with Officer Parsons about the complaints. The police and the DART task force have also been notified of the problems, and Homes Association members can call the non-emergency number for the Kansas City Police Department or the city's Action Center with their complaints.

Gwen Caranchini stated the property is not a part of the Stratford Gardens Homes Association and that the Board's discussion of any matter associated with the property, its tenancy or ownership was illegal. Following verbal disagreement with other Board members, she withdrew from the meeting, stating that the Board's discussion of the subject home was illegal.

Communication

A resolution was presented to have all communication from the Board to the membership, including newsletters, minutes, social activities, meeting notifications and crime alerts be approved by the Board President (or, in the President's absence, the Vice President, or by other Director as designated by the President) before being sent by e-mail, fax, US mail or hand-delivery. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Diane Bradshaw and seconded by

Randy Bredar. A vote in favor of the resolution was passed unanimously by all Board members who were present.

Based on requests from members to protect the privacy of the Homes Association members, a motion was made by Joy Blake-Krug to change to a group delivery format, for example, showing the email delivery address as coming from the “Stratford Gardens Homes Association” as opposed to showing members’ email addresses. The motion was seconded by Maggie Shine and a vote was unanimously in favor of this motion. Colleen Kennedy will look into how to go about setting this up.

Garage Sale

There was not much participation in the Homes Association garage sale this year. We will discuss whether or not to hold it next year.

PIAC

The next PIAC hearing is on June 28. Jennifer King and Mary Martin will submit a proposal at that hearing.

Bicycle Parking in City’s Zoning Ordinance

Paul Mohr asked the Board to consider having the Association support a change in the zoning ordinance to make Kansas City a more “bike friendly” city. The new ordinance, currently undergoing revision, could require new buildings and other developments to provide parking racks for bikes as well as a long term bike parking area. Paul would like to write a letter on behalf of the Homes Association in support of these ordinance changes. He would also like to reach out to other members of the HACCD to join in this effort. A motion was made by Randy Bredar to support the provision of bike parking in the city zoning ordinance and request other HACCD members’ support in this effort as well. The motion was seconded by Diane Bradshaw and a vote was unanimously in favor.

Maggie Shine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Randy Bredar and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.