

Blue Hills Homes Association Annual Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 25th, 2006

The Blue Hills Homes Association held its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at Covenant Chapel, 13300 Kenneth Road.

The annual meeting was kicked-off with an ice cream social that began at 6:30 PM. The Board appreciated the opportunity to get to know various members of the neighborhood.

At 7:30 PM, Harry Crawford – President of the Board, called the annual meeting to order.

The first order of business was to review the agenda. The agenda items and the resulting discussion followed:

1. Representative from KCMO Police Department

Tony d' Andrea, KCMO Police Officer, spoke to the meeting attendees.

- He stated that we had very low crime in our neighborhood, but to make our homes safer he recommended that we keep the bushes by the windows trimmed and fit our doors with milled aluminum door frame/jam braces.
- KCMO Police Department offers a Citizen's Police Academy, which provides an introduction and overview of the operations of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. The goal is to give the graduate a better understanding and appreciation of the complex nature of police work and create a partnership between police and the citizens they serve. Upon completion, participants should have a greater sense of how their police department operates to serve them, their family and friends. The next session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 and continue each Tuesday through November 14, 2006. Class times are from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM each meeting night. If you are interested in attending the 10-week class (including a ride-a-long), please contact the KCMO police department. Upon completing the course and the ride-a-long, you will receive a course diploma.
- The Action Center is your central point of contact for City services. If you need information or have questions about the City, or if you need to request a City service or report a problem with City services, contact the Action Center.

How to contact the Action Center:

- Visit the office on the first floor of City Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- Fax the office at (816) 513-1303.
- E-mail the office at actioncenter@kcmo.org.
- Complete an online [Request for Service form](#).
- Mail your report or request to the Action Center, City Hall, first floor, 414 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

2. City Charter Presentation

Terry Ward, Chair of the Charter Review Commission, talked about the proposed City Charter that was on the August 8th ballot. If this proposed Charter is approved, it would replace the Charter that the City has been working with since 1925. The new charter would be about 80 pages, slimmed down from nearly 400. It calls for a comprehensive code of ethics, modernizes the city's contracting procedures and requires the city to enact a debt policy. It also allows more flexibility in how city departments operate.

Also on the August 8th ballot, there will be two questions regarding term limits. Questions 6 and 7, involve attempts to relax the two-term limit on City Council service. Question 6 would allow council members to serve up to three consecutive 4-year terms. (Currently council members can only serve two consecutive 4-year terms). Question 7 would eliminate term limits all together.

Since the minutes will not be published until after the election, the following are the election results for the issues mentioned above: Voters favored modernizing the 1925 charter. Supporters said the new charter would help make government more flexible and efficient. Questions 6 and 7 did not pass.

3. Treasurer's Report

Jim Tiehen, Board Treasurer, presented the financial results for the previous 12 months ending June 30, 2006. A review of the association expenditures and revenues found that overall we are cash flow positive due to volunteer efforts on the islands and primarily due to less than anticipated snowfall last season. Because of this positive cash flow situation the move to professional island maintenance (except mowing) was justified.

4. Blue Hills Estates Neighborhood Directory

The attendees were reminded to update their information for inclusion in the Blue Hills Estates Neighborhood Directory by August 1, 2006. When completed, this Directory will be mailed to all neighborhood residents.

5. Neighborhood Islands and Island Maintenance

The Island Volunteer Program was a success. The volunteer program will be modified in that the volunteers will be asked to only do the mowing of the islands that specifically require mowing. This would include islands 1, 3, 4 and 5 (Island 2 does not require mowing). The remaining island maintenance, which includes a spring and fall clean-up, would be done by a professional landscape company. The volunteers maintaining the islands requiring mowing, would receive a check for \$60 per year payable in Sept/October for their volunteer efforts. The volunteers include:

Island 1	Henry Marsh
Island 3	Jim Wilson
Island 4	Kermit Shaneyfelt
Island 5	James Vaughan

The volunteers did an excellent job and the Board would like to thank them – this also includes Herb Gronemeyer, Island 2 and Ron Parker who has been watering Island 5 for years.

6. Burning Tree Monument

There was some discussion concerning the current monuments located at Burning Tree and St. Andrews. The suggestions were to keep them, tear them out or install new monuments. The attendees seemed to favor installing new monuments. The Board will look into the costs of doing this.

7. Neighborhood Garage Sale

The meeting attendees determined that they would like to have a garage sale sometime in September or October. The exact dates will be determined by the Board members and reported to you at that time

8. Snow Plowing

We are going to continue using McMurray Brothers to do our snow plowing. They do a good job at a reasonable price - \$320 for 3-4 inches of snow and \$640 for 5-7 inches of snow. The next two cheapest competitive bids the board received started at \$700 for 3-4 inches of snow and \$1,000 for 3-4 inches of snow.

9. Election of Board Member

Joanie Morlan was elected to the Board of Directors, replacing Harry Crawford who has served his allowable 4-year term.

10. Other

There are some potholes that need to be filled at St. Andrews and Oakmont and 128th and Oakmont. Also, the street sign at Carnoustie needs to be replaced.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 PM. The attendees took a short break and then reassembled for the Special Meeting called to vote on a dues increase for the year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Please Note: Out of the 152 homes in the association, we had approximately 16 homes represented (less than 11% of the homes) at the Annual Meeting. This is the time for homeowners to get together to meet each other as well as to discuss their concerns about what is going on in the neighborhood. We thought the ice cream social would lead to a greater willingness to attend. Obviously, this was not the case. If there are any suggestions you may have to increase attendance or interest, please let a board member know.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Wood-Nelson.