

Red Bridge Home Association Annual Meeting
October 24, 2009

1) The Red Bridge Home Association (RBHA) annual meeting was called to order and board members were introduced.

Barb Robertson, President
Joe Gawron, Vice-President
Katherine Coates, At Large
Julie Gabriele, Snow Removal
Sharron Hill, Community Liaison
Jim Klossick, At Large
Jim Wright, Island and Markers

2) Barb gave some highlights of last year's neighborhood survey. Some items that received a great deal of interest were: markers, snow removal, and block watches.

3) A security committee can be formed to address these concerns, update crime rates, etc. This can be accomplished if we have more board members &/or more residents involved in the committee.

Crimes of opportunity happen every where. Residents were reminded to be aware of suspicious characters and keeping garage doors closed. Barb made a good point of reminding residents that criminals are aware of which neighborhoods are easier targets. They likely won't come to a neighborhood that keeps its eyes and ears open to questionable characters.

The best way for residents to keep informed about neighborhood news is through the E-Alerts emails. Neighbors are encouraged to sign up so that they have information about the happenings in Red Bridge.

There are 847 homeowners in the RBHA. Someone asked what the responsibilities a block watch committee has. That can vary from being responsible for one block to many. The non emergency number for the South patrol is: 234-5111.

4) A motion was made to approve last year's annual meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

5) Dues will remain the same again this year, \$50.00. Red Bridge has one of the lower dues fees in the area. \$40,000 will be used to purchase a CD at 1% interest. \$20,000 is available and is considered to be the RBHA's liquid assets. Approximately 90% of homeowners pay their dues yearly. The board would like to pursue higher penalties for non-payers. Liens have been placed on non-payers homes. The lien can affect the homeowners' credit standing and ability to sell the home.

6) During the last snow removal season, the contractor pre-treated the streets when two inches of snow fell. This action helps with ice and plowing. Contact Julie Gabriele with any snow related concerns.

7) A motion was made to accept and approve the Budget. Some asked why the board doesn't handle the budget itself. Barb mentioned that Home Associations of Kansas City's primary focus is to provide accounting and administrative support for the neighborhood associations. The motion was seconded and approved.

8) We have 18 islands and 32 markers in the RBHA. Recently island repair took place at 115th and 116th and Oak. This was as a result from last year's survey spotlighting

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a need for the repairs. Contact Jim Wright with any concerns about the islands or markers.

9) Contact the city's Action Center, 311, for trees that need service.

10) The Center Planning committee will meet on October 27th at 7:30 pm the Summit View Church located at 97th and Summit. They'll discuss a proposed senior housing project to be built near the Grand Court on 107th and Wornall.

11) The City is proposing have a dog park in each council area. The Sixth district's meeting will be at Waldo Library on October 28th.

12) A call for homeowners to become members of the RBHA was made. The current board was reinstated and the following homeowners were added to the board: Shanna Smith, Louise Clossick, and Barbara Alderman. The board currently meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00. Open meetings typically take place at Dunn Brothers Coffee or Lipari's Sunfresh.

13) A motion was made to end the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Homeowners were dismissed to begin the breakfast portion of the meeting.