

Red Bridge Homes Association
Monday, May 2, 2011

The April 2011 meeting was held May 2, 2011 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President, Joe Gawron.

Members present:

Joe Gawron
Barbara Alderman
Jim Wright
Katherine Coates
Louise Clossick
Sharron Hill

Members absent:

Heather O'Malley
Julie Gabriele
Shanna Smith

Minutes of the March 28 meeting were approved with one correction – the spelling of Sharron Hill's first name.

Although Louise Clossick has not posted the minutes of the last four meetings with Pam at HAKC, following our next meeting when the February and April minutes are approved, Louise will post them with HAKC. At the May meeting we will ask for approval of the February and April meeting. The March 28 minutes were approved at the May 2 meeting.

We didn't have the Treasurer's Report because Heather was unable to attend.

Joe said on Wednesday, May 4, Avila College will be at St. Thomas More to inform the neighborhood what Avila is doing. He encouraged our Board members to attend.

Barbara Alderman said somebody that lives in Bridlespur has a discount card from the merchants at the Red Bridge Shopping Center. Is it possible for us to receive similar discount cards?

Discussion ensued about one of the residents in Red Bridge Homes association. Last year she had complained about her neighbor spying on her. She has now called again saying her neighbor has since put those cameras back up. The complaining neighbor should go through the Community Action Committee and a representative can come out and set up mediation between them, but it is not a Home Owners Association problem.

Joe said he attended the President's meeting – Prairie Fields and others. They hire off-duty Kansas City Police. You can have your neighborhood patrolled four 4-hour shifts per week. Cost would be \$25,000 - \$30,000 to have that kind of security. We would have to raise the dues by \$25.00 per family. The Board thought we should not do it.

We had an update on the statue on 115th and Holmes and it is looking good. Mention was made that the tulips looked good this spring.

Joe asked Jim Wright what the plan is for this summer. Jim is still waiting to hear. Steve Harper is the person he is working with. He used to do the Plaza. The plan is in progress.

Sharron asked if we received an e-mail about the Center Planning meeting. It is going before the City Planning Commission on Tuesday. The auto dealerships on 103rd are trying to change the sign ordinance. Part of it is they started putting up banners on every light pole and that is not permitted. If they join together with their acreage, they could possibly join together for different rules. Honda was going against the sign ordinance so they took them down. Sharron is going to the meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd. Carol Winterode asked if we would support the signage in the center planning. Ordinance # 14185P denies an ordinance that makes banners legal. We want to avoid sign clutter. They would weaken our excellent sign ordinance that our City Council has worked so hard to get. It is a step backwards if this ordinance is changed to allow banners. If a billboard is vacant for 90 days the city can force the removal of the Board.

Sharron was asked about the abatements for the vacant homes and rental properties in our neighborhood to make sure they are registered with the city. If not taking care of the lawn, how much money does the city have to take care of those properties? The city goes out there, cuts the grass, and then bills the owners. There are 19 foreclosures in the Homes Association. You can pull them up under foreclosures.com.

A house on East 110th for a long time had lots of junk on the side and front, but Joe went by and it was all cleaned up. Joe said he has received calls complaining against the land owned by St. Peter's Church on the East side of Wornall. Could the land be cleared? Joe will go to St. Peter's Episcopal and see if they will clean it up. Dennis is the codes inspector for the city and he will get on the problems there and try to assist us.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Clossick. Meeting adjourned.