

MINUTES
STRATFORD GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Stratford Gardens Homes Association was held at The Carriage Club. Thirty-One Members were present at the start, representing a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President, Maggie Shine.

Maggie introduced the current Board Members and noted that one new position is open and requested nominees. Brian Hand introduced himself and expressed interest in joining the Board. No other nominees were presented. A motion to vote on the nominee, Brian Hand was made by Maggie Shine, seconded by Kristin Kratofil and unanimously approved.

Maggie provided the financial report for the year. The report included a review of the balance sheet and the current and 2024 proposed budgets. An error in the calculation of assets was pointed out in the current budget. The error was noted and will be corrected. It was also mentioned and agreed that the proposed budget in the area of Sprinkler expenses should be increased to include probable sprinkler repairs. There was discussion about the reduction in security hours and therefore a decrease in costs associated with security in 2023, and it was confirmed that the decrease in security monitoring has not resulted in any more crime reports. Paul Mohr moved to approve the budget with the above noted changes, Brian Hand seconded the motion and the budget was unanimously approved subject to those modifications.

One member asked about the status of installing security cameras. Maggie explained that a PIAC Application was submitted and denied so there is no plan to install them at this time but that an option in the future would be to resubmit and offer to put up some funds to partially pay for the cameras.

Councilwoman Andrea Bough was then introduced as the first guest speaker. Councilwoman Bough discussed the city's new \$2.3 Billion budget that was adopted in March and detailed how much was allocated to each area. Specific attention was given to raises for the police, the REACH violence prevention and intervention program, city-wide camera replacement, street preservation (including 500 lane miles), FIFA World Cup funding, tree canopies, and other city improvements. Questions that were solicited in advance were asked by Tom Suther and Councilwoman Bough answered each in the following manner:

1. What is the status of the sale of the Plaza?
 - the sale is still on schedule, possibly later this month. There is a plan to address crime by using private security and police are starting to target entertainment districts.
2. What is being done about graffiti?
 - The City Manager has a new program coming to address this. In addition, the myKCMO app has a specific place to report graffiti.
3. Why can't we get potholes filled?
 - The myKCMO app has a place for reporting potholes and if they still are not being address, Councilwoman Bough suggested emailing her and Councilman Johnathan Duncan.
4. What is being done about the unhoused?
 - the complexity of the problem was discussed, as well as mentioning that the new REACH program will be addressing it.

More questions from members at the meeting were asked and answered about street racing, the delay in cutting the grass on Ward Parkway, 18 wheelers driving on Ward Parkway and

general speeding. There was also discussion about adding the stop signs to Meyer Circle which was applauded as helping to reduce accidents.

Sergeant Sebastien Hanriot was then introduced and discussed safety and crime. Sgt. Hanriot noted that crime has been extremely low in our blocks as evidenced by the crime report circulated with the agenda, and discussed general precautions that can be taken to deter crime such as keeping cars and doors locked, not leaving anything in cars and keeping garage doors closed. It was noted that he should be called or texted with any security concerns. Questions were asked about street cameras, several suggesting we need more. Sgt. Hanriot noted that we have cameras but there are many stolen or fake license plates. Sgt. Hanriot also brought attention to scammers and urged everyone to beware of calls for money, bitcoin, gold, and the use of AI to generate voices that sound like family members.

Maggie then thanked the speakers and everyone in attendance.

A motion was made by Maggie Shine to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Teal Dakan. By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 8:05.