

## Minutes

### Stratford Gardens Homes Association

#### Board Meeting

April 21, 2009

The regular board meeting of the Stratford Gardens Homes Association was held on April 21, 2009 at Paul Mohr's home, Association President. Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The following board members were present: Colleen Kennedy, Woody Underwood, Roger Dutton, and Phyllis Wilson. Randy Bredar, Maggie Shine, and Joy Blake Krug were not in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 26, 2009, board meeting were read; Roger Dutton moved to approve the minutes, Woody Underwood seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **New Board Member and Board Status**

Paul motioned to appoint Raphael Suarez to fill the position that was vacated by Larry Wright's recent departure. Larry moved out of the neighborhood in March 2009. Roger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Raphael will fill the remainder of Larry's term, which expires May 31, 2010.

Paul noted that next year, beginning June 2009, the Association has three board positions to fill for three 3-year terms. Paul Mohr, Maggie Shine and Randy Bredar will go off the board at the end of May. In addition, Joy Krug has submitted her resignation effective May 31, 2009. Therefore, a total of four board positions will be open at the time of the Annual Membership Meeting.

#### **Financial Report**

Paul gave the budget status report for Maggie Shine, Treasurer, on the basis of information as of the March 31<sup>st</sup> financial statement. Current expenditures are in-line with the budget. A draft budget for next year (beginning June 2009) was discussed. It appears that sufficient income is available to fund the Association's activities without having to raise dues. Membership dues have remained the same for the last three

years, so 2009/10 will be the fourth year of level dues. Paul made a motion to approve a budget for 2009/10 in an amount not to exceed \$35,771.71 in expenditures and that the final revised budget be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in May. Colleen Kennedy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Security**

Paul reported that the robbers who burglarized in our neighborhood have been caught by the police. Paul reinforced the importance of keeping homes appropriately lighted, locking cars, not leaving items in cars, and keeping garage doors down and locked.

### **Membership**

Colleen reported that our membership database is up-to-date. A newsletter will go out around May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Colleen reported that two new households have joined the Association. They are Jared Suhm and Kristin Van Meteren at 1240 West 60 Terrace and Robin and Scott Boswell at 1240 West 61<sup>st</sup> Terrace.

### **Social Committee**

Joy Krug has submitted her resignation to the board but will serve as social chairman until May 31, 2009.

### **Islands**

Paul reported that we have a contract with Constant Care for 2009 to maintain the islands. Raphael was asked to meet with Jennifer King to go over the island work details. There are six separate areas to maintain. There may be an opportunity to continue the present contract through 2010 with Constant Care at the same price being paid in 2009.

Paul reported that he has signed a Cooperative Agreement with the city in order to receive the PIAC money amounting to a \$29,000 to help restore the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street island. Paul reported that we had obtained a proposal from Hoffman/Cortez in the amount of approximately \$16,000 for the hardscape work on the island. In addition to hardscape restoration and repairs, the remainder of the PIAC money will go towards irrigation and landscaping. Paul reported there would likely be three separate contracts involved in the 63<sup>rd</sup> St. island work (one for the fountain restoration/repair and stonework, one for irrigation, and one for landscaping).

### **Streets/ROW**

It was noted that the Association has experienced only three events requiring snow plowing this winter season.

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the membership will be held at Mission Hills Country Club from 6:30 to 8:30 on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Troy Schulte, Budget Officer for the City of Kansas City, will be our guest speaker. The social period this year will be extended to 45 minutes (up from 30 minutes).

### **New Business**

Colleen Kennedy has created a written list of responsibilities for each board position.

Woody Underwood has observed occasions of parking problems during special events and parties. If large cars are not parked close to the curb, and are parked on both sides at the same time, then emergency vehicles are blocked from moving down the street. The next newsletter will ask members to have guests park in a manner to allow emergency vehicles access to the street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.