

KPCA

KENWOOD PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Minutes, Annual Meeting, June 7, 2016

Walt Whitman High School, Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by President Krishna Collie. About 35 people were present.

A representative from Equity One presented the plans for the Westwood Shopping Center on Westbard Avenue. There will be three large shopping areas, in which the Giant food market will occupy the second floor of the center one, with parking underneath. It will temporarily have a smaller store than the current one during the transition period. There will be townhouses and civic spaces. A representative from EYA, urban residential housing developers, said there would be about 100 townhouses, geared toward the low maintenance lifestyles of empty nesters and young persons without children.

Vice-President Linda Chaletzky presented flowers to outgoing Board members Ken Rubinson and Sheila Taube. Later in the evening, Richard Berney arrived and was presented his flowers also. Herb Stone was not present.

The slate of new Board members was presented:

President: Krishna Collie

Vice-President: Linda Chaletzky

Secretary: Elizabeth Haile

Treasurer: Hannah Elson

At-Large Directors: Ben Vitiello, Foroud Arsanjani, Ed Elson, Katherine Kerxton, Tatiana Nascimento, and Lindsey Dickinson

They were elected by acclaim.

The new Committee Chairs were announced:

Security Patrol: Cameron Groves

Community Outreach: Lindsey Dickinson

Traffic and Safety: Katherine Kerxton

Membership/Block Captains: Mariam Lamech

Welcoming/Special Events: Sarah Najafi

Communications: Elizabeth Haile

Elizabeth Haile discussed the web sites. Our KPCAonline site is being set up by Giun Sun. It can be found at:

<http://www.kpcaonline.org/>

Elizabeth offered to help anyone who had difficulty registering on the Kenwood Park Yahoo Group site,

at: <https://beta.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/KenwoodPark/info>

There will be a July 4th party from 10 to 12 at Marbury Court, with a parade from 10:30 to 11 AM.

Sarah Najafi mentioned the planned Fall event, the day before Halloween, probably at the Whittier Woods school.

We may have food trucks there and maybe a movie.

Marian Lamech discussed the two Membership categories. Resident membership will cost \$60, through 6/30/17. Security plus resident membership together will cost \$235. There is no security-only membership because there are administrative, printing, postage, and insurance costs to be able to run the Security Patrol. Mariam called for more block captain volunteers to expand our membership.

Hannah Elson gave the Treasurer's Report. We have 232 KPCA members, or 36% of the community. 206 residences signed up for the security patrol. We have \$35,764 in our two bank accounts. This year we collected \$73,151.80 (including a transfer of \$4,867.79 from a disbanded cup scout troop). We spent \$74,684.11. We have committed \$17,029 to Urban Alarm through mid-September. That leaves us with \$18,735.50 carryover. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Sheila Taube gave the Security Patrol Report. The patrol is mainly a deterrent to crime, especially with its currently reduced hours, so their hours are staggered. The bulk of the hours are during the day, when most burglaries are being committed, and when they can be visible to contractors in the neighborhood. Full house checks take a long time, where they walk around the house and take pictures that are emailed to the owners. We agreed that if a resident will be gone many nights the full house check needed to be done only every few days, with an abbreviated check then done nightly to ensure that there are no newspapers, packages or other items that might signal that the residents are away.

Katherine Kerxton described the Traffic committee on-line survey that was done last fall to pinpoint neighborhood concerns. The worst traffic is on Millwood, Tanglewood, Lenox, Plainview, and Whittier. She and Lindsey worked with the Department of Transportation and Councilman Berliner's office. Some speed studies were done. We requested smart units to show people their speed. A police officer's presence was promised but has not materialized yet.

A resident requested that some of the deteriorated roadways (Marbury and Tanglewood) be repaired, since the holes at the side of the road could breed mosquitos and injure pedestrians. She requested that KPCA write to the Highway Department. [ACTION ITEM] Someone suggested contacting JoAnn Morrison, Office of Consumer Protection of Montgomery County. Other safety suggestions were made: ask people walking at night to wear flashers or reflective clothing; ask people to walk facing traffic; cut back the trees that block views around the corner, for instance, at Millwood and Goldsboro. [ACTION ITEMS]

Elizabeth spoke for Sinaly Roy about the Garden Club. Rae Farr is taking care of the plantings on the corner of Millwood and Goldsboro. Our gateway stones there that say "Kenwood Park" need repair. There are large trees on that corner that need to be taken out (KPCA should request that the County to do it). [ACTION ITEMS]

The meeting was adjourned before 10 PM.