

KPCA

KENWOOD PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Annual Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2018

Pyle Middle School Cafeteria

After time for socializing, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by KPCA President Krishna Collie. About 25 people were present.

The President made opening remarks, thanking the Board for serving with him over the past four years and noting he would not be running for President again. He thanked Linda Chaletzky for her service as Vice Chair. He gave a brief overview of his work in starting up new social events to engage the community, revamping our website and using more electronic communications. The Board gifted flowers to Krishna and Linda.

The President introduced speaker Ken Hartman. Mr. Hartman is County Executive Ike Leggett's point person for the Bethesda Chevy Chase, Rockville and Potomac areas – totaling about 280,000 residents, larger than Arlington County. He works with citizens advisory boards and many other governmental and public-private projects. The top priorities that he deals with are transportation, schools, aging residents and housing and development. He answered questions from attendees until 9 p.m.

The speaker was thanked and KPCA business was introduced.

The President gave an update on KPCA annual activities: Front Yard Fridays (summer get togethers), July 4th bike parade and party, Back to School ice cream social, fall festival, plant swap with new bake-off. We are coordinating with Friends of Maiden Lane on co-producing events. KPCA sponsors the cost of all these events with membership fees. The President thanked Linda Chaletzky for sponsoring the fall festival. He thanked Communications Chair Elizabeth Haile and Membership Chair Mariam Lamech for their hard work and mentioned they were also stepping down from the Board.

Vice President Linda Chaletzky gave remarks, recommending that more people get involved in KPCA. She thanked Krishna for all his hard work and efforts while he was President.

The President gave the Security Committee Report. Urban Alarm continues to be our primary patrol security firm for Kenwood Park. Total of 32 hours are patrolled randomly on a weekly basis based upon our current level of subscription. We consistently have a 33% membership rate, despite different tactics to increase it. Urban Alarm being acquired by Kastle and Andy Alvarez no longer works there, who was Kenwood Park's point of contact.

A survey was done to ask about satisfaction with the security service. If you have not filled it out, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KL7FMCG>. In general, the responses gathered said that patrols are seen as value added. There was feedback that the dues are too high; calling out that an a-la-carte option would be desired. The Committee chair recommends that we introduce an a-la-carte menu to start to see how it goes giving us data

re usage. The Chair plans to develop and publish via newsletter a “menu” of a-la-carte security options. He also plans to publish a monthly summary on the patrol.

Treasurer Hannah Elson circulated a financial report. Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30. As of June 4, we had revenue of \$66,375. As of May, we have incurred expenses of \$60,037 in security costs, and \$4,471 in non-security expenses (\$607 events, \$1,772 printing, \$1,065 postage, \$338 website, \$120 PO Box, and \$483 insurance). We expect to incur additional expenses this year of about \$500 for another newsletter mailing and \$450 to have the Kenwood Park stone signs at the entrance from Goldsboro repaired. This will put us at about the same total expenses as last fiscal year. We will have a surplus and that was attributed to Linda Chaletzky sponsoring the cost of the fall festival.

At Large Director Joann Harrison provided an update on the “senior village” movement. An interest meeting was held with speakers from Bannockburn village and Bethesda Metro Area Village. Those interested in learning more should contact Joann at joannharr@gmail.com.

Traffic & Safety Committee Chair Katherine Kerxton gave the Committee Report. Speed studies were done last year in the neighborhood, but no speeds recorded were high enough to warrant any special calming measures. The Chair will ask for smart units to again be installed. An attendee mentioned that it was difficult to see people walking their dogs at night and suggested some kind of reflector jackets or sashes.

Membership Committee Chair Mariam Lamech gave the Committee Report. KPCA currently has 210 security members and 54 resident level members. This is an increase over last year and is over 41% of homes. It was suggested that resident membership dues be lowered to \$50 starting July 1 and this was agreed to.

As required in our Bylaws, the slate was presented:

President: open

Vice-President: Foroud Arsanjani

Secretary: open

Treasurer: Hannah Elson

At-Large Directors: Krishna Collie, Ed Elson, Katherine Kerxton, Joann Harrison and Lindsey Dickinson (up to one more open).

Committee Chairs, which are appointed by the President, were announced:

Security Patrol: Cameron Groves

Community Outreach: Joann Harrison

Traffic and Safety: Katherine Kerxton

Membership/Block Captains: open

Welcoming: open

Special Events: open

Communications: open

Nominations were sought from the floor. Patty McAllister was nominated for Secretary. She accepted. Krishna Collie was nominated to remain as acting interim president until a new President is found. He accepted. It was moved and seconded the amended slate as follows be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

(Acting interim) President: Krishna Collie)

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No further call for new business was made. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.