

KPCA

KENWOOD PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Annual Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35pm by Acting President Foroud Arsanjani. There were about 22 participants.

The Acting President welcomed everyone to the first ever virtual meeting of the KPCA membership. He thanked Board and committee chairs and members for their work during the past year and emphasized the need for more volunteers to become involved with KPCA going forward. He provided a brief overview of the agenda and proceeded to provide an update on KPCA initiatives and activities. These included a review of improvements to the KPCA information technology (IT) infrastructure, website and listserv. Sinaly Roy reviewed efforts of the Garden Club that resulted in the planting of 17 new trees in the neighborhood including cherry trees and larger shade trees.

Foroud and KPCA Treasurer, Hannah Elson, proceeded to highlight additional activities and community concerns that continue to be a focus of the KPCA Board. These include the work of the Traffic and Safety Committee that resulted in the painting of new white lines at stop signs in the neighborhood and the installation of speed trackers to gather information on cars exceeding the speed limit on Millwood Rd. and other locations. The Committee has also been in communication with Montgomery County officials to request sidewalks on Millwood and Lenox Roads.

Ongoing community issues and concerns that were reviewed include the Quiet Skies initiative focused on collaborating with other neighborhood communities as well as state and federal policy makers to reduce airplane noise over the neighborhood and in the region. As in past years, the Association hosted a successful Fall Festival in September, 2019. Front Yard Fridays were again hosted during the summer of 2019 but not during this summer of 2020 due to the ongoing pandemic. Planned development projects in Bethesda, specifically, the Westbard development initiative, were highlighted as issues that will continue to require KPCA attention and input.

Following the discussion of initiatives, activities and community outreach, the KPCA Treasurer provided the following update on KPCA membership and finances:

Membership: In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, we had 221 members, or 35% of the residences. 82% of these were Security patrol members. The rest were Residential members.

Treasurer's Report:

We collected revenues of \$57,412. We had expenses of \$58,124. We overspent by \$712.

Specific expenses were:

Security: \$52,912

Non-security expenses: \$5,212 (64% of these non-security expenses were covered by the Residential-only dues, the rest came from the security+residential combination dues)

Printing & Postage: 2,460.

Web site & list serve: 485.

Insurance: 1,049.

PO Box: 148.

Dues-overpaymt refunds: 380.

Activities: 659. Fall festival supplies, meeting rooms and refreshments.
We had no July 4th parade this year because of COVID.

Steve Buck raised a question about the possible reduction of crime in the neighborhood given that many more residents are at home during the pandemic. A discussion related to perceived increases in crime and increased auto theft in the neighborhood followed. Foroud and Hannah pointed out an increase in crime has been occurring lately, even in our neighborhood, but more in other neighborhoods than in ours. Steve also asked if there are any materials about Kenwood Park that could be provided to new families moving into the neighborhood to welcome them.

The following slate of officers were presented for election to the KPCA Board:

President: Foroud Arsanjani

Vice President: Open

Secretary: Patty McAllister

Treasurer: Hannah Elson

At Large Directors: Jo-Ann Harrison, Ed Elson, Lindsey Dickinson, Sinaly Roy

There was no opposition and the slate were approved by acclaim. The President noted that the Board will continue to monitor County and State rules and requirements concerning allowable activities and meetings due to the ongoing pandemic and that the Board is considering hosting a virtual Town Hall meeting in the future.

No further calls for discussion or new business were made and the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Notes prepared by Patty McAllister August 12, 2020