

## **KPCA Annual Meeting Minutes, July 30, 2023, 3:00-4:00pm**

### **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:03pm by President Foroud Arsanjani. He welcomed the 20 participants at the meeting. Other Board members present were Mandana Tavakoli, Hannah and Ed Elson, Ken Nankin, Herb Rosenthal and Patty McAllister. A meeting agenda had been shared in advance via the KPCA News and the KPCA listserve.

Foroud introduced Board members and volunteers, gave an overview of the agenda and proceeded to discuss the individual agenda items as follows.

### **Highlights of last year**

There were continuing traffic issues on Whittier Blvd. and an unfortunate accident where a teenager was hit by a car while riding her bike. Following efforts by KPCA and individual community members, cameras were installed on Whittier Blvd. to monitor speed and there have been no further incidents of note. KPCA also carefully monitored the Montgomery County (MOCO) Thrive 2050 initiative and submitted written comments during the public consideration process. Other County initiatives KPCA is monitoring and engaged with include the Pedestrian Master Plan and the Kenwood Park Sidewalk Construction program which is currently on hold pending further investigation of ways to save more trees. KPCA efforts to improve the Radnor School property have resulted in the removal of unsightly trailers from the property, clean-up of the grounds and a commitment to install a new playground and a pavilion for community use on the property.

### **Treasurer Report**

Hannah Elson noted that for the period from July 2022 to June 2023, KPCA had revenues of \$58,129.00 and expenses of \$55,434.00 with a balance of \$13,734.00 in the KPCA bank accounts. There was a \$1,000.00 deficit in the Security account which necessitated dipping into the reserve account but there was a surplus in the Resident activities account because KPCA did not host a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. There are 235 KPCA members representing 37% of homes in the neighborhood – 182 Security members and 53 Resident members.

### **Security Update**

Ken Nankin noted that security in the neighborhood has improved. Last year there were only 4 reported incidents in Kenwood Park and all were thefts from vehicles. Efforts to develop a Neighborhood Watch (NW) program continue. Ken met with officer Johnson of the MOCO Police Department and Officer Johnson needs to get certified to teach the NW course.

## **Traffic Highlights**

Foroud provided this report and noted the success of the program to provide safety jackets for residents to wear when walking around the neighborhood, especially at night. He noted that traffic on the main arteries seems to be less than it was several years ago. The issue of a four way stop sign at Plainview and Marbury Roads was discussed. There is currently no stop sign on Marbury at Plainview. Herb noted the issue has to do with bushes that need to be cut.

## **Community/Development Forum Highlights**

Patty provided an overview of issues discussed at the first Community Development Forum held virtually on July 12. The purpose of the Forum is to provide information, dialogue and action when needed on new and ongoing development projects in and around Kenwood Park. Issues discussed on July 12 included: 1) Washington Gas pipeline replacement project, 2) WSSC Tanglewood Drive Water Main Replacement Project, 3) Kenwood Park Sidewalk Improvement Project, 4) MOCO Pedestrian Master Plan. The next Community Development Forum will focus on Water Issues and will take place in September.

## **Election of At Large Directors**

The membership unanimously approved the election of the following At Large Directors by acclamation.

At Large Directors: (1 -year term)

Ed Elson, Issa Khozeimeh, Ken Nankin, Herb Rosenthal, Sinaly Roy

## **Radnor School Improvement Project**

Foroud noted that the property has been cleaned up, a new playground will be installed this summer and a 20X20 pavilion for community use will be built. Efforts continue to ensure the property benefits the Kenwood Park community. Teresa Jones volunteered to help as a member of the Radnor project team.

## **Need for Volunteers**

There is an ongoing need for more volunteers to help out on KPCA committees and initiatives. A membership drive is underway and volunteer opportunities will be highlighted as part of this process.

## **Calendar**

Front Yard Fridays are underway and provide an excellent opportunity to socialize with neighbors. Additional activities in the planning process include Kennel Club events and Fall Festival and Halloween events.

Notes prepared by Patty McAllister, revised August 5, 2023

