

Greenway Fields Homes Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2016

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the home of Sarah McCracken's, 450 W. 62nd Terrace.

Board Members:

Present - David Slawson, Sarah McCracken, Nikki Crawford, Beth Noble, Jeanette LePique

Absent - Nola Devitt, Bob Deeg

I. Agenda

Agenda for July 18, 2016 submitted and approved.

II. Old Business

A. Meeting Minutes from June 2016 unanimously approved with changes.

B. **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment and GFHA Tree Health assessment**

1. *EAB* - Sarah reported on the assessment by Nick from Urban Tree Specialists (UTS) of GFHA easement and park trees. There are two Ash trees in Greenway Fields Park that need to be treated @ \$320 (approximately, price based on size) and 21 easement trees that need to be treated @ \$3,800. He will extend the group treatment rate to residents for Ash trees on private property. Beth stated that the objective should be to preserve, protect, and beautify and she recommends saving trees. Beth feels the EAB will move south and in 6-8 years be in Arkansas so we will need to treat one to two times.
2. *GFHA tree assessment* - ten Ash trees were beyond saving and price quoted to remove was \$10,650. He also recommended removing a large dying Oak tree from Monkey Island @ \$5,905. Beth says City of K C will remove easement trees (call 3-1-1 to report) at no cost and that any removed trees afflicted with EAB need to be quarantined. David will call Ms. Rynard, Supervisor of Kevin LaPointe in the Forestry Department, about easement tree removal. Sarah will obtain additional bids for large oak tree removal.

Beth suggested communicating to residents assessment results and EAB treatment options. Discussion ensued and Board decided to present to residents and let residents decide. Nikki and Sarah will write an article for next Newsletter, asking residents to have their trees inspected and treated, crediting a "certified arborist" as information source so as not to appear to endorse any particular individual. Nikki will also post on FaceBook. Beth shared that in her opinion, the best study of the EAB was done by Purdue University. There was no charge for tree assessment by UTS. A **motion** to proceed to treat the 21 easement trees and two park trees @\$4,520, funded from Major Maintenance and Tree Replacement fund was made, seconded and a **vote to approve treating trees passed**, with David abstaining from voting.

III. New Business

A. President's Update - David

1. Parade Re-cap, thank you to Cosentino's by David in next Newsletter.
2. Neighborhood meeting (landscape plan presentation/EAB treatment, Centennial). Jeanette has called Wornall Road Baptist Church (WRBC) about providing a meeting room for a residents meeting in August or September (refreshments provided) to present the long-term landscape plan (including EAB treatment options) for Greenway Fields Park / Monkey

Island as well as discuss Centennial Celebration plans. It was suggested to try and have two meetings (same meeting, offered twice) to accommodate residents, a weeknight and a Saturday morning (9:00). Jeanette will notify Board with updates from WRBC or Beth suggested Country Club Christian Church as another possible location.

B. Treasurer's Report - Sarah

Sarah reports that there has been some discrepancy between the GFHA and CID accounts possibly due to new personnel at HAKC, with some inadvertent mixing of deposits between the two accounts. She has corrected the Income and Balance sheets and the budget is on track. She will discuss corrections with the HAKC contact.

C. Lawn / Landscape - Nola

Nola absent. Report deferred to next month.

D. Security - Jeanette

Jeanette reviewed KCPD weekly reports for past month from Officer Trainor and reported there were no incidents in GFHA boundaries.

E. Newsletter Update - Nikki

The next issue to be mailed to residents by **September 1st**, with article submission to Nikki by **August 15th**. Content will be:

President's letter - David (landscape restoration on Wornall, Resident meeting, thanks to Cosentino's for popsicles ...)

EAB status - Nikki and Sarah

Meyer Circle Seahorse Fountain Restoration - Jeanette

Centennial - David, Beth, Nikki (Committee ideas, re-send survey)

Security - Nola

Resident survey - Nikki, Beth

F. Communication - Nola

Deferred to next month.

G. Meyer Circle Seahorse Fountain / PIAC - David and Jeanette

Jeanette attended a Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) Hearing for District Six on June 21, 2016 at Hillcrest Community Center to show GFHA support for the project and met Jim Fitzpatrick, President of Romanelli West Homes Association. Romanelli West has submitted an application for PIAC funds for restoration of Meyer Circle Fountain. Estimates of repair will be determined after an engineering analysis from the Parks Department, but it is considered to be at least \$500,000. City of Fountains Foundation has committed \$150,000 toward the project. There will be another PIAC hearing Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at Country Club Congregational Church at 205 W. 65th Street, 6:00 p.m. and Board members and residents are encouraged to attend to show support for project. Nola will be asked to send out MailChimp notification.

H. Wornall traffic light installation/landscape disruption - Jeanette and David

Jeanette took pictures of the four beds disrupted by the installation of lights at Meyer Columns, and 63rd Street and met with Mike Saye in Public Works (Street and Traffic Lighting). She has also been in contact with Steven King, Division Manager with Mark One, who has requested a bid to restore landscaping, especially removing gravel and other construction debris. David will get a bid

from Soil Service and we will forward to Mark One for reimbursement of cost to restore to pre-construction condition.

I. Centennial Planning Committee - David, Beth, and Nikki

David would like resident input on celebration ideas and will put together a presentation for the proposed resident meeting and would like to use photos from LaDene and Beth's research as planning guide. David stated that committee meetings have been difficult to schedule and would like one more meeting before pricing out options. Thus far, the committee has discussed having four seasonal events:

Spring (Beth and Katie Allison) - April Breakfast/Brunch - String Quartet - Dedication of new pergola

Summer (GFHA Board) - Popsicle Parade with expanded route - attended by Mayor James

Fall (Wendy & Joe) - daytime family event (picnic with firetruck, bounce house)
Evening adult cocktail party

Winter (Nikki & David) - Banquet

J. Resident Survey - Nikki and Beth

Previous survey results were forwarded to Nikki from Beth. Nikki would like to include more questions and resend to get input. Nikki will address in newsletter article and feels giving feedback to residents is important in moving forward in neighborhood. Board can work together to frame questions for input. David recommends one vote per household/parcel. David suggests the survey be done in categories, such as hardscape, plantings, visual features, plaques, sidewalk tiles,...

K. Calendar - Jeanette

Resident meeting in August / September.

IV. Next Board Meeting Date & Location

The next meeting will be Monday, August 22, 2016, at David Slawson's, 400 W. 63rd Street at 7:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.