

**Park Hill Improvement Association Meeting Minutes, Spring 2006
submitted by Karen M. Miller, Secretary and Ann Patton, Under-Secretary**

The spring 2006 meeting of the Park Hill Improvement Association was held on Sunday, April 9th at the Columbia Public Library. Thirty of 115 households in the Association were represented. For voting purposes, a quorum of 19 households was determined to be in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cathy Gunther. Association members picked up trustee ballots prior to the start of the meeting, and latecomers received a ballot upon arrival.

I) Financial Report

Treasurer Herman Traudes reported a year-end balance of \$7,736.05. There were several one-time donations which added to the balance. A 90-day CD of \$7000 was purchased that will reach maturity this summer. Herman reminded everyone that park dues for 2006 were due on April 15th.

II) Liability insurance for Officers and Trustees, General Liability

During recruitment for new officers, it was brought to the Association's attention that Officers could be held personally liable in lawsuits against the Park Association. In order to protect current and future Officers and Trustees, there was a motion to purchase Directors' and Officers' liability insurance to cover any personal liability in acting as a representative of the park association. The motion passed unanimously.

III) Discussion of the proposed 2006-2007 Budget

Cathy Gunther presented the proposed budget for 2006. The budget has new line items allowing for the purchase of \$2000 worth of plants, as well as Directors' and Officers' liability insurance. A motion was made, and the budget passed without modification.

IV) Liability waiver for non-park member usage

Discussion ensued concerning the use of the park for organized events by non-member groups, such as Grant School children. A motion was made that any organized event would require a liability waiver and that permission should be obtained from the President or available officer on behalf of the Association. In contrast, events scheduled by members of the Association do not require a waiver; however, we ask that the Board be notified of larger scheduled events. Motion carried unanimously.

V) Park Hill Improvement Association name change - Amendment to the Bylaws

An amendment was made to change the name of the association from the "Park Hill Improvement Association" to the "Park Hill Neighborhood Association". After discussion concerning the historical perspective of the park's name, a motion was made to leave the name of the association the same. The motion passed with one nay vote.

VI) Should "Friends of the Park" be approved? Amendment to the Bylaws

Several neighbors outside the boundaries of the original Park Hill district have asked if they can contribute to the upkeep of Stewart Park. A recommendation was made to establish the title "Friend of the Park" for individuals who wish to contribute financially (recommend \$25/yr dues) and/or physically towards the benefit of Stewart Park. A Friend is welcome to participate in events, to be listed in the Directory and to attend meetings, but not to vote.

After discussion, a motion was made that the title "Friend of the Park" be established, but that this title does forfeit the requirement for any Friend's event in the park to occur without approval and a liability waiver. The motion carried with two households voting in opposition.

VII) Establish Trustee term and limit - Amendment to the Bylaws

A motion was made to change the bylaws by setting a term of 9 years for each Trustee. A Trustee may also serve one additional 9-yr term, if re-elected. The replacement of one of three Trustees will occur every three years, in rotation. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII) Elect new Trustee to replace Don Caldwell and alternate Trustee

The three nominees for Trustee were Patty King, 109 W. Parkway, Jane Abel, 104 E. Parkway and Dave Roloff, 200 Edgewood. Those in attendance were asked to complete their ballots and return them for tallying.

At the end of the meeting, it was announced that the Patty King is the new trustee for the Park Hill Improvement Association, and Jane Abel is the alternate.

IX) Shall Officers' terms be extended from 1 to 2 years? Amendment to the bylaws

A motion was made and passed to extend the term of President and Vice-President from one to two years, with these Officers serving a maximum of two consecutive terms (four years). For the administrative offices of Secretary and Treasurer, first-term or renewing candidates must be elected every two years, but no official term limits will be enforced. The motion passed unanimously.

X) Election of Officers

A slate consisting of Cathy Gunther (Pres), Ellen McQuie (VP), Karen Miller (Secretary) Ann Patton (Undersecretary), and David Ives (Treasurer) were nominated for the 2006-2008 term as Officers. As there were no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the slate by acclamation. Motion carried.

XI) Re-establishment of the Events, Grounds and Finance Committees

Sign-up sheets were circulated for those wishing to volunteer for the Events, Grounds or Finance committees. Anyone who has not signed up, but wishes to serve, please submit their name to Karen Miller at kmille02@earthlink.net or 573-474-9782.

XII) Establish Park Hill Neighborhood Directory

The membership discussed format and distribution of the proposed directory. The directory at a minimum will have Homeowners' names and addresses for all residences (this is public information easily accessible in government websites and offices). The Secretary will be verifying this contact information, as well as requesting email address and phone number for inclusion (optional), with one member of each household. A motion was made and passed to create the directory.

XIII) Creation of the Neighborhood Handbook

Suggested items in addition to the Directory include: A short history, expected conduct (ie: dogs, trash, parking, etc), By-laws, Conservation Management Guidelines and Plan, Trustee and Board of Officers listings. A motion was made and passed to create the Neighborhood Handbook.

XIV) Spring clean-up and Conservation plan

There was general discussion about the spring clean-up and potentially plant new species trees, shrubs and flowers to add to the park's beauty.

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