

## **Brookdale Community Annual Meeting**

May 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes, prepared by Judy Rivlin (Secretary, 2013-14)

The Brookdale Annual Meeting was held at the Wisconsin Place Recreation Center in Friendship Heights on May 7, 2014. About 70 residents attended, with refreshments and social time beforehand. Bob Banach, VP of Brookdale North, led the meeting as there was no President for the past year,

The meeting began with review and approval of the minutes from the 2013 annual meeting; after a motion was made and seconded, the minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Bob Banach reviewed the activities of the last year: they included our regular annual events such as the July 4 fire truck-led parade and party in the Brookdale park, the neighborhood-wide "block" party in September, a Halloween party, and a speaker's meeting in February on immigration held at the Wisconsin Place Recreation Center, as well as the several special events that marked Brookdale's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary events included a walking history tour of the neighborhood last spring, that followed the publication of Amy Rispin's book on the history of Brookdale, as well as a well-attended dinner with slide show on June 1 at the Kenwood Country Club; we also had signs designed, purchased and installed at four entries into Brookdale (that were privately funded by many Brookdale residents).

Bob Banach also noted there was a mid-year change in Brookdale's listserv provider, and we have had several publications of our newsletter, the Bugle. Further, he noted that a new version of the Brookdale Directory is nearly completed and will be printed and distributed soon. He also noted that crime has not been a significant concern this year.

Bob Cope then gave an overview of zoning issues, focusing on plans for the redevelopment of the Westbard Shopping Center, and the Geico property. He noted that the County passed a new zoning code, and the Geico property which has been deemed "transit station metro" (a/k/a "TSM") will now be zoned as "commercial/residential." For the Westbard property, the permitted height for new buildings is an expected challenge for our nearby neighborhoods. As there was substantial interest in these zoning issues, Bob Cope agreed to prepare a summary for the Bugle.

Helen Podolske explained the Treasurer's report, copies of which were distributed. (A copy of the Treasurer's Report is maintained within the Association's file.) She reminded the community that the Association's fiscal year runs June 1-May 31. After a motion was made and seconded, there was an affirmative vote to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Banach noted that Treasurer Podolske has decided against serving as Treasurer for another year. The Community thanked her for her year of service as Association Treasurer.

Dan Byerly, Wohlshire VP, made the somewhat belated award for the first annual "scariest yard in Brookdale" which was won by Ron Tripp for the scary yard of last October. Dan then gave a report on the traffic survey he has been conducting through an online survey, which yielded 70 responses so far; he will leave it active a bit longer so more residents can participate. There was a general discussion about traffic and pedestrian safety concerns within and around Brookdale. Amy Rispin led a discussion about creating a "stay in place" organization. There seemed to be significant interest, and Amy agreed to coordinate efforts to create a program for Brookdale.

No new neighbors attended this meeting so there were no public welcomes or introductions to make.

Boyd McHugh, on behalf of the Nominations Committee, offered a slate of candidates for officers for the 2014-15 year: it is the same as the last year, except that Amy Rispin would take the position of Treasurer instead of Helen Podolske, and without a President again, VPs Bob Banach and Dan Byerly would again rotate the leadership position. The officers nominated were: Brookdale North VP, Bob Banach; Brookdale South VP, Yonce Shelton; Wohlshire VP, Dan Byerly; Orchardale VP, Ally Hicks; Treasurer, Amy Rispin; Secretary, Judy Rivlin. There were no other nominations made from the floor. The vote in favor of the nominated candidates was unanimous.

The last item of business was a change in who prepares and distributes the welcoming baskets to new neighbors. Cathy Solberg has done this for several years, but is ready to pass it to others, Fiona Carson and Shaazka Beyerle volunteered to take this over. The community thanked Cathy for doing this in the past and Fiona and Shaazka for stepping in.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.