

Brookdale Citizens' Association Annual Meeting May 3, 2017

Minutes prepared by Amy Rispin, Secretary FY 2018

The Brookdale Annual Meeting was held at the Wisconsin Place Recreation Center in Friendship Heights May 3, 2017 at 7:30PM. About 40 residents attended, with refreshments and social time beforehand. President Dick Podolske chaired the meeting.

2016 Minutes: The minutes from the 2016 annual meeting were approved after a voice vote.

Treasurer's report: Amy Rispin, Treasurer, provided a written report for FY 2017, which began June 1, 2016 (See appendix). A total of \$5,195.00 in dues payments was received from about a third of Brookdale residents during the fiscal year. Expenses during FY 2017 were \$5,850.16 or about \$655 more than incoming dues payments. The principal expenditures included \$1,144 for refreshments for street parties, \$1,066 for at home events, \$1,500 for the negotiations regarding the Shoemaker Burial ground, and \$926 for Bugle printing and delivery. (See the appendix for details.) As of May 1, 2017, the checking account contained \$7,600.67. Combining the current checking account balance with \$9,614.94 in the CD, current total assets are \$17, 214.61. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the report was accepted by a voice vote.

President's report: In his report, Dick Podolske, President, was pleased to summarize the many accomplishments of the Brookdale community and Board during FY 2017: He identified (1) 10 Brookdale at-Home Events; (2) Brookdale Outdoor Events: Spring Street Party, Fall Street Party, 4th of July Party, Halloween Party, Yard sale; (3) Communications: In addition to three Bugles printed and delivered to all Brookdale residents, we now have developed mass emailing capability to all Brookdale residents with email addresses; (4) Development Issues: resolution of GEICO boundary fencing & landscaping, a modest contribution for legal fees in support of preserving the Westbard African American Cemetery along the Willett Branch, ongoing negotiations with developer of 5200 Murray Road regarding the Shoemaker family burial ground and home design, and tree planting on Friendship Boulevard.

Mr. Podolske also highlighted several ongoing activities: Improvement of the Brookdale web site, landscaping of some Brookdale entrance signs, possible addition of new Brookdale entrance signs, updating the list of Brookdale residents and issuance of a Directory addendum to reflect transitions in the neighborhood. Attendees were enthusiastic about the proposal to improve the Brookdale website, especially if it provides for donations of Brookdale dues through Paypal or some other automated mechanism.

External Developments Affecting our Neighborhood:

Bob Cope announced that all development at Westbard shopping center will be held up while the cemetery delineation of the African American Tabernacle Cemetery is taking place. He also described developers' proposal for construction on Friendship Avenue of a twenty-story building across from the ambulatory center. They don't have the zoning for it and there is pressure to open up the sector plan.

Mr. Cope, in response to questions from the floor, said that the Parks and Planning department, which has installed traffic control devices on Little Falls Parkway for protection of bikers, is considering further modifications to smooth automobile traffic. He also noted that the triangular parcel across from Lord and Taylor will remain a site for parking until 2020. He anticipates that at that time, the Mazza family, which owns the parcel, will request permission for construction of a mixed use facility on the site.

Proposed Amendments to the Brookdale By-Laws.

The Brookdale Executive Committee recommends consideration of some changes to the current Brookdale Constitution and By-laws. Revisions to the Constitution require a positive vote of 2/3 of dues paying Brookdale residents attending a meeting, and By-laws amendments require a positive vote of 1/2 of dues paying members. However, a 14 day notice is required before voting on any amendments and there has been insufficient time since the board met to circulate these proposals in writing with 14 days notice. Therefore, these measures were brought to the floor of the Annual Meeting with the understanding that another meeting would be convened with 14 days notice for a formal decision. The following three changes to the By-laws were considered:

Changing Annual Dues Payments from the Current Fiscal Year to the Calendar Year. Many Brookdale residents have been confused as to whether they have paid dues for the Brookdale fiscal year which runs from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. To reduce this confusion the Board recommended that in future, the calendar year be used as the basis for dues payments.

Increasing the Annual Dues Payments. Since we are spending slightly more the last couple of years than we are taking in on dues, the board will request permission to increase dues from \$30 annually to \$40 starting in the calendar year 2018.

Granting Permission of the Elected Brookdale Executive Committee to Set Annual Dues. The current Brookdale by-laws specify annual dues of \$30. The Brookdale Executive Committee will request the flexibility to set annual dues in the years ahead by consideration of current income and expenses, without bringing the decision to the membership for a vote.

The Board will request the following change to the Constitution:

Adding Newport Avenue Residences to the Brookdale Citizens' Association. The Board will request permission to add about 37 residences to the Brookdale neighborhood. There has been considerable interest in joining our association among neighbors residing along Newport Avenue between River Road and Montgomery Avenue and a short stretch between Montgomery Avenue and Keokuk Street. This also makes sense as a principal entrance to Brookdale South is along Newport Avenue.

These matters were discussed informally at the meeting. Mr. Podolske noted that the block party on May 20 will provide an opportunity for further discussion of these proposals and brought to a formal vote in a meeting at his home on June 6.

Executive Committee Changes.

This year, Judy Rivlin is stepping down from her position as Board Secretary. Dick Podolske expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board and the Community for her many years of service as Brookdale Secretary, during which the scope of communication to the community expanded to include Facebook and mass-emailings, as well as the Yahoo group. He also acknowledged the valuable advice she has provided as a mentor to himself and the Board during her tenure.

Officers. The nominating committee proposed the following slate for the Association's officers for FY 2018: *President*, Dick Podolske; *Treasurer*, Heather Paul; *Secretary*, Amy Rispin; *VP for Brookdale North*; Mike Makuch, *VP for Brookdale South*, Jack Morton; *VP for Wohlshire*, Tom Husted; *VP for Orchardale*, Manuel Ochoa. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote in favor of the nominated candidates was unanimous.

Appendix:

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Westbard Cemetery Donation = \$250

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Total Expenditures* = \$5850.16 * Accounting as of Annual Meeting May 3, 2017

Brookdale Accounts for FY 2017 [June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017]*

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Brookdale Citizens' Association Activities since the Last Annual Meeting

1. Brookdale at Home Events:
 - a. 10 Brookdale events the last year
 - b. 18 Brookdale events since inception (see list)

2. Brookdale Outdoor Events:
 - a. Spring Street Party
 - b. Fall Street Party
 - c. 4th of July Party
 - d. Halloween Party
 - e. Yard sale

3. Communications:
 - a. Three Bugles printed and delivered to all Brookdale residents
 - b. Development of mass emailing to all Brookdale residents with email addresses

4. Addressing Development Issues:
 - a. Resolution of GEICO boundary fencing & landscaping
 - b. Negotiating with Developer of 5200 Murray Road regarding gravesite and home design
 - c. Tree planting on Friendship Boulevard

d. \$250 contribution for legal fees in support of preserving Westbard gravesite

5. Additional Upcoming Activities:

a. Improvement of the Brookdale web site

b. Landscaping of some Brookdale entrance signs

c. Possible addition of Brookdale entrance signs

d. Updating list of Brookdale residents and issuance of a Directory addendum

List of Brookdale at Home Events

Cynthia and Jack Morton on program to introduce new residents, July 2015
Richard Podolske and Clare Kelly on creating a historic district within Brookdale, October 2015
Mike Hudson on the Middle East, November, 2015
Richard Erdman on the United Nations and why it matters, December 2015
Amy and Paul Rispin on the Amish Community, January 2016
Dave Nicolson on Genealogy, February 2016
Eric Sane and Judy Rivlin on Beer Tasting, March 2016
Richard Leon on the federal bench hosted by the Graeub's, April 2016
Diane Monash playing tangos, May 2016
Deborah Kalb on her children's book hosted by Bill Grigg, June 2016
Miti Figuredo on Chevy Chase Land Company redevelopment on Wisconsin Ave hosted by Richard Podolske, July 2016
Kanthan Shankar on experience in Myanmar and other fragile places, September 2016
Jim Timbie on nuclear safety hosted by the Graeub's, October 2016
Brian Herberger on book for younger members hosted by Marina Browser, November 2016
(No event in December 2016)
Jesse Witten on Redskin Trademark Law, January 2017
Larry Broadwell on Civil War Trails hosted by Tom Olsen and Jocelyn Samuels, February 2017
Marvin Ott on China's Drive for Asian Dominance, March 2017
Marsha Broadwell on tour of National Zoo, April 2017

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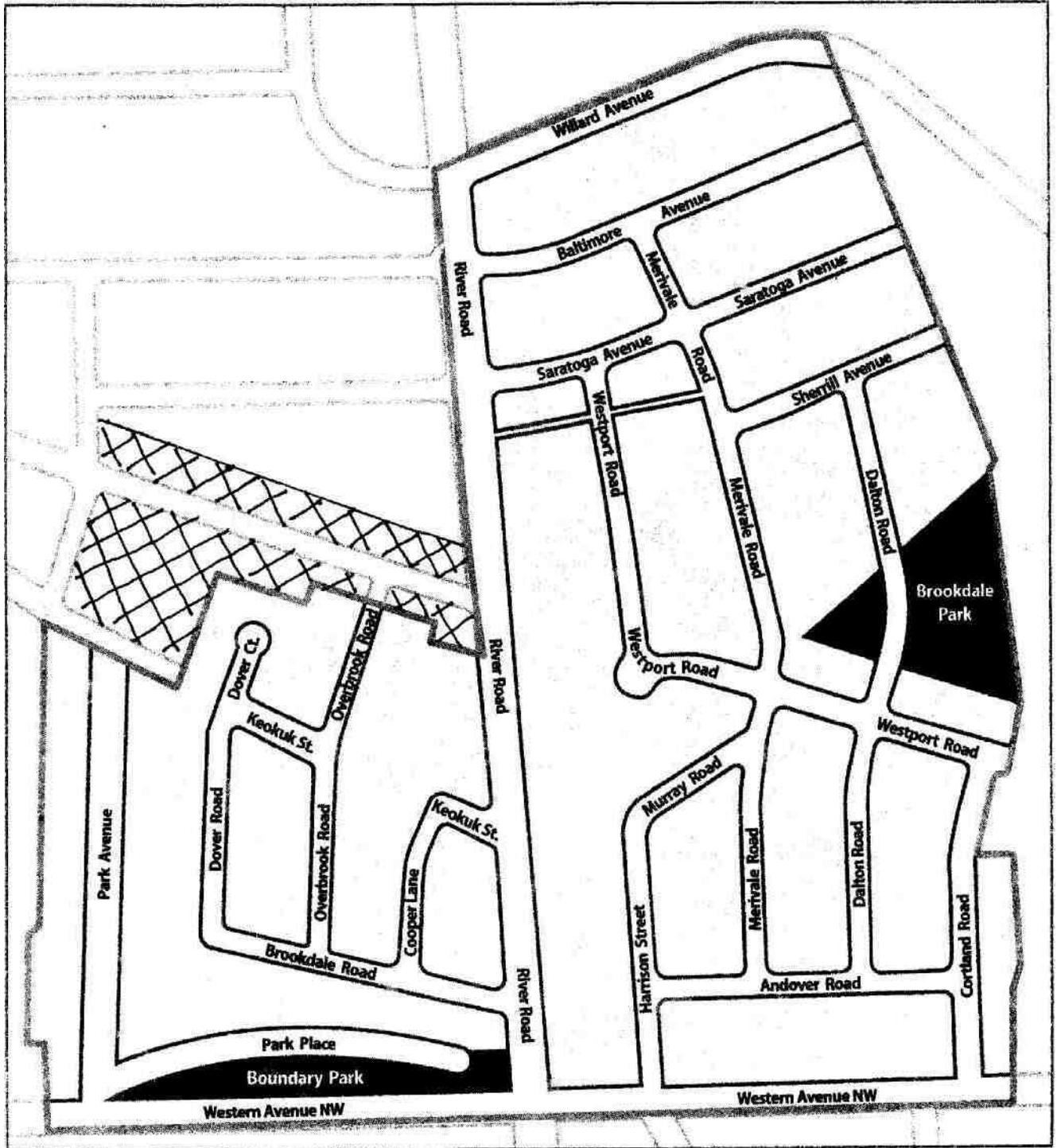
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PROPOSED BROOKDALE EXPANSION

