

Minutes of Brookdale Citizens' Association Board Meeting on January 17, 2023

Those in attendance: Dick Podolske, Thomas Husted, Peter Biersteker, Lisa Clark, Jack Morton, Mike Makuch, Heather Paul and Darcy King-Leatham. Absent: Adrienne Nassau, Manuel Ochoa, Maha Haddad and Sibyl Erdman.

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2022 meeting. The motion was approved. Minutes were posted to our website.

Next meeting will be held on February 21st.

Treasurer's Report.

Total balance as of December 6, 2022 was \$15,822.38 of which \$5,999.38 is in Checking and \$9,823.00 is in our CD. Expenses this past month were \$45.06 to cover extra costs for website.

A final tally: 140 (roughly 35%) of residences have now paid annual 2022 dues. (Please note an additional \$647.87 of 2022 Pay Pal transfers will show up in next month's tally. However, those who used Pay Pal are already reflected in final number of paid residences).

Discussion

Dues. A rather low percentage of residents have paid dues in 2022. Heather periodically reminds residents to pay dues. We no longer include envelopes with the Bugle as it is unsafe to mail checks from local drop boxes. Further, residents can pay online. When vice-presidents conduct outreach to complete our directory, they will distribute reminders.

Brookdale Bugle. We will publish three issues of the Bugle each year. Issue dates will be determined later. The Fall/Winter edition will be distributed the weekend of January 21st.

Status of tribute to Amy Rispin. Mike is expecting an email from the county regarding installation shortly.

Updating Brookdale Directory. By January 31st, Lisa will advise vice-presidents of which homes to contact to verify or update directory information. Vice-presidents will have until March 1 to complete their assignments. They will tell residents that this is the last call.

Status of online publication of Amy's *History of Brookdale*. Heather will reach out to Gabe as he has not responded to Lisa.

Heather asked Dick to contact Paul to see whether he has any original source material that we could donate to the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Status of printed copies of *The History of Brookdale*. Lisa will order 50 copies with a wire binder. Free copies will be given to Board members. Dues paying residents will be able to

purchase copies for \$10. Non-dues paying residents will be offered copies at cost (approximately \$18).

Status of *Welcome to Brookdale*. The publication has been posted to our website. Dick will recycle the outdated issues.

Thrive 2050 Committee. Manuel has been in contact with elected officials to invite their participation in a public forum. Heather verified that Wisconsin Place is available as a venue for the forum in February and March.

Other Developments.

The county has installed 20 mph speed limit signs in the neighborhood. Dick has asked that they remove the 25 mph speed limit signs.

We have no news on the proposed dog park.

Peter reached out to the Parks Department who assured him that they intended to perform a Boundary Park clean-up.

Dick contacted DC Transportation to ask that they paint crosshatching on Western/Harrison to stop cars from blocking Harrison entrance.

Dick has also contacted DC Transportation about proposed bike lane on Western Avenue.

Heather will ask Adrienne to again ask GEICO to remove a dead bush on Cortland near Western.

Darcy is awaiting response from Kenwood Association regarding Little Falls Parkway survey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy King-Leatham