

Parkwood Residents Association

Spring Meeting May 17, 2022

Meeting Notes:

[\*A recording of the meeting can be found at this link.\*](#)

The meeting was announced via email to Parkwood Resident's Association members and all Members of the Parkwood list serve for the purpose of discussing the annual election of officers and committee chairs and to approve the annual PRA budget. The meeting was conducted on Zoom.

There were 15 Participants

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by President Kira Lueders and Vice President Jeff Griffith.

Treasurer Gerald Sharp reported on the [proposed 2022 budget](#). The budget is in good shape, and we do not have large expenses anticipated this year. There was no need to raise dues again this year. There were generous donations to the beautification committee budget.

Beautification Committee Chair Kira Lueders reported on the new contract for garden maintenance which will cost approximately \$4000. The committee reviewed two bids after recommendations from residents.

Jeff reported that there had been no additional nominations for officers or committee chairs. Ballots will be distributed electronically on May 18 and election will be open until May 20. The ballot will also include yes/no on the annual budget.

There was discussion of how to encourage newer, and younger, residents of Parkwood in the operations and leadership of the PRA, which currently skews "older".

How can the PRA identify issues that will interest more residents and encourage involvement? Perhaps create an "advisory panel" of residents who could meet with the Executive Comm. Every quarter to spark new ideas?

Do people only get involved when there are complaints or problems? Personally inviting people to become involved is one idea. Previous listserv discussions of THRIVE, zoning and development plans have generated many comments. The issue of "housing" or affordable/available housing is such an issue and could be a motivator to interest more residents in the PRA and community involvement.

Jeff Griffith will include current information and data about development plans and home sales impacting Parkwood/ Kensington in the next PRA newsletter.

Kira Lueders spoke about advocacy efforts regarding the Wildwood path to Beach Drive. If residents tackle issues and have contacts with county or state agencies, the PRA Executive Comm. would appreciate any information about which agencies and their staff can assist with similar issues. Could the PRA hold focus groups to determine areas of concern, issues, and future interests, and develop strategies to resolve these?

Jeff Griffith mentioned the issue of storm water management which is of high concern to many members of the community that have experienced flooding, possibly related to development. The idea of rain gardens on the Wildwood median may be included in future discussion by the PRA Executive Comm. There may be other issues that PRA could strategize on.

With no additional comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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