



## **August General Meeting Minutes**

Scuola Vita Nuova  
544 Wabash Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64124  
August 10, 2010 / 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **Welcome** **Billie Robledo**
  
- **Law Enforcement Presentation – 3 Officers present**
  - Officer Culver, Officer Clark, and Officer O'Connor of Central Patrol - Their patrol area is the 120 sector, from the river to Troost to Wabash. The officers concentrate on our area and when called or asked they will work other areas as well. 5 officers work for him. Their shift begins at 8:30 p.m. and ends at 6:30 a.m. They begin by taking role call and reviewing any current outstanding issues which may include any new court notifications, distribution of mail, review of the recent crime maps, etc. before going out to the streets. They try to keep abreast of everything by sharing information with other officers also. Email is the best communication.
  
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Treasury Report** **Michael Ohlson**
    - We have \$8577.74 in the PHNA Bank account. There was an increase of \$200.00 from last month due to (5) five additional committed homes for the history book.
  
  - **Homes Tour & History Book Fundraiser** **Kent Dicus**
    - **History Book:** We have a total of 24 paid entries for committed homes. We need 50-70 homes to publish the history book. We have no ETA yet. In order to publish the book we will need to pay approximately \$2,000.00 up front.
    - **Homes Tour:** We have a total of six great homes and the Charter School for our homes tour this year. The next homes tour meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening; August 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Marian Wegener's home.

- **Down-Zoning** **Billie Robleado**
  - **Down-Zoning:** Billie and Kent met with the City Planning Committee. PHNA had turned in the surveys which were taken by PH individuals and the City performed their own survey also. The City's documents seemed to have some errors. Kent has written a letter to them stating the issues as seen by him and Billie. The main concern is what the homes are currently today as they stand vs. what the homes actually should be. Kent surmises that the City should have the final decision on the down-zoning completed in about 8 months. There may be some push-back from residents within PHNA also. Letters from the City will be distributed to us regarding the status. Regardless of what the residents want or say; it seems the Homes Association usually wins out. Only time will tell.
  
- **Crime and Security** **Marcellus Sinclair**
  - Marcellus encourages everyone to call with any suspicious activity. Anyone can ride along with the law enforcement anytime. He is still attempting to set up a personal safety course for people in our neighborhood and is coordinating this effort with Officer Schriever. They hope to have this course by the end of fall.
  
- **Newsletter** **Su Collura**
  - Don Bosco delivered the newsletters; although it is uncertain whether everyone received one. It is suggested by Su that the newsletter be distributed by PHNA people and we will then know it was done properly. For our next newsletter, Su will be attempting to contact small businesses within Pendleton Heights to ask if they would be willing to pay \$5.00 or so to place their ad in the newsletter. Not only will this take up space in the newsletter, we may make additional dollars, in addition; the smaller business owners may make some extra money. (Lawn service, maintenance people, realtors, etc.)
  
- **Community Engagement** **Virginia Collura**
  - Virginia is concentrating on cleaning up Brooklyn Ave.
  
- **Historian** **Marian Wegener**
  - No updates.
  
- **Fundraising** **Marcellus Sinclair**
  - We will not be receiving any funding this year from NTFD for our Homes Tour. The Homes Tour is our biggest fundraiser and is the most costly. In an effort to raise additional money, PH is having a neighborhood garage sale on August 21<sup>st</sup> and we will also have the fundraiser like last year at the Brick on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 17<sup>th</sup> and McGee. Anyone who would like to donate items for the Brick event (for the silent auction, raffles, etc.; please contact Marcellus.

○ **Neighborhood Garage Sale**

**Jessica Ford**

- Jessica distributed the flyers for the neighborhood sale which will be on Sat. Aug 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m. There will be two “open houses” within Pendleton Heights that are for sale on the day of the garage sale. Currently we have 5 committed homes that will be participating by having a garage sale at their home. The PH tent will be set up at the Don Bosco parking lot which will be the “starting point” for the garage sale. Maps will be available at the tent, in addition to baked items for sale and PH items will also be for sale at the tent. Volunteers are needed to help clean up after the garage sale. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale please contact Jessica Ford.

● **Featured Presentation/Speaker**

**Deb Hermann**

Kansas City Mo 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilwoman – Deb Hermann was elected to office in March 2003 and re-elected in March 2007. Deb is chairwoman of the Finance and Audit Committee.

○ **Introduction of Deb Hermann by Kent Dicus:**

- Deb is a strong supporter of historic expansion, has assisted in the acquiring of money from NTFD for Homes Tours past, provides great direction and she is of tremendous assistance to Pendleton Heights with the down-zoning project. Deb will be running for mayor of Kansas City. Welcome....

**Deb Hermann:**

- The allotment for PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) funding is 2.5 million per district. It has been quite a challenge as of late because of the cut-backs. The City has 530 less resources this year than last year plus the current economy doesn't help.
- Currently the City is re-districting and it has become quite an issue. The 1<sup>st</sup> district has 30% more people than the 2<sup>nd</sup> district. According to the current charter; Kansas City has to re-district after every two elections. Deb recommends that the City pull in someone who knows the Election laws for review.
- 44% of the general fund comes from Kansas City E-tax; a 1% earnings tax that residents in and around Kansas City (including Kansans) pay when they work in Kansas City. The City uses much of this tax on payroll earnings for police and fire protection, weekly garbage collection and a host of neighborhood services; not to mention providing amenities like the Kansas City Zoo and the Liberty Memorial. There is a campaign underway to eliminate Kansas City E-tax which currently brings in \$200 million per year. Elimination of this tax will be on the ballot for voters in November of this year to vote “yes or no”. Eliminating the earnings tax would drain about \$10 million a year from certain local projects, such as public parking garages at the Plaza, in which the tax has been used to help finance those projects.

● **Thank you & Adjournment 7:50 p.m.**

**Billie Robledo**