

**Hyde Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**

Allan Hallquist - President  
Derek Moore - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Troy Batson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Stephanie Kozak - Treasurer  
Lydia DeMonte - Corresponding Secretary  
Maggie Priesmeyer - North Area Director  
Chad Moore - North Area Director  
Katy Lineberry - Central Area Director  
Christine Lucero - South Area Director  
Nickolas Wood - South Area Director

The meeting was called to order by the Board President.

Delta Athenaeum

Lisa Hardwick, DEED (Delta Educational & Economic Development - created in 1978) Foundation President, presented an update on activities at the Delta Athenaeum, home of the Kansas City, MO Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Athenaeum is used as a space to host meetings of the Sorority as well as other community meetings. It is also utilized as an event Space. Kansas City Oasis currently rents space on Sunday mornings and space will soon be rented to a major Kansas City caterer.

Of issue is parking for events. Right now parking is limited to space is shared with SAVE, Inc. and street parking. DEED has now acquired 6 lots west of the Athenaeum. An effort is being made to obtain a special use permit for parking. Plans are to develop parking on the north part of the lot east of the Athenaeum and the west corner of Linwood and Campbell as priorities. Landscaping plans have been submitted to the city and will include lighting.

Deed is also exploring the development of a "Delta District"- a 5 year plan. The preliminary plan has been submitted to the city. James Scott is a developer working with this group. The first phase would be a complete renovation of the Athenaeum. This would include an addition to the rear of the Athenaeum for use as office and meeting space. Potentially it could include use by the Black Repertory Theater and other small theatrical groups for stage productions. Parking would be addressed with a cooperative agreement with Save, Inc. for use of 100 parking spaces designated for Save housing tenants. Themed housing would also be a part of the plan for the Delta District, i.e., Teacher Village (housing for teachers) or Artist Village. Support for this development is being sought from various foundations. This plan is designed to highlight the area around the proposed Delta District with a focal point being the Athenaeum. Landscaping and other enhancements would sharpen this showcase. Charts outlining all plans were shown during Lisa's presentation.

An opportunity was provided for comments/questions. It was suggested that consideration be given to developing access to biking, i.e. biking racks. A recommendation was made about the lighting for the parking lots.

### Movie Night

Nickolas Wood provided an update on the Movie Night Event held March 16, 2018 at the Central Presbyterian Church . It was a success with 175-200 persons in attendance. The movie, "CoCo" was shown. Popcorn and Betty Rae's Ice Cream were served. Farm to Market Bread was also given away. Activities were available for the children prior to showing of the movie. Representatives of the KCMO police and Fire departments were present.

### Block Party

Chad Moore and Katy Lineberry provided a guiding principle, "In order to protect your community you need to know your community." Written guidelines were shared with meeting participants. There is a refundable \$30.00 fee for the street barricades. Sixty percent of the block residents would need to indicate agreement to host a block party. One individual would be responsible for obtaining signatures from the block residents. Chad indicated that he would be available to help navigate the City Hall process. A request must be received if there is a desire to list the block party date on the Hyde Park calendar. Several blocks in Hyde Park have routinely held block parties in past years. Some have had a themes, i.e. raising money for charitable purposes.

### Game Night

Annie Thorn and Vincent Wynn provided an overview of the purposed Game Night which will be held on 4-27-18, from 4:00 - 7 or 8:00 at the Central Presbyterian Church. Planned are yard games and inside board games. Plans or to serve hot dogs and water. The Social Committee is currently seeking a sponsor. A food drive for the church's food pantry is an added component for this event.

### Homes Tour

Derek Moore reported that homes are still needed - South Hyde Park (2), North Hyde Park (2), and Central Hyde Park (1). The home commitments need to be secured by the end of the month. Hyde Parkers were urged to solicit interest. Please notify Derek of possibilities The Homes Tour will not occur if we don't have the requisite number of homes. The Candlelight Gala will be held on Janssen Place October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Homes Tour is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Food trucks will provide food. Volunteer are needed for the day of the tour. The next Homes Tour Committee meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Audit Committee

Dona Boley reported that the audit was completed and approved. Recommendations were provided to the Board.

### KC Parks

Troy Batson and Dona Boley reported that final approval has been given for the Spray Park. A contract is being developed with Mega Industries. Ground breaking will be in April. There is a 120 day calendar for completion of construction. Collaboration is being done with Jude Enterprises to develop programming with the Horse Barn. The Gillham Park Master Plan is still in the works (since 2003). The Spray Park was in the original plan.

**Minutes submitted by Rosalyn Wilson, Recording Secretary**

