

MINUTES REPORT

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) General Meeting

August 16, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Reports, Presentations and Decisions:

Treasurer's Report: Clara Keller presented the financial report for July 2011.

Kenwood Apartment Buildings: HPNA president David Kimmis introduced Peter Cassell, an executive with the Silliman Group, the development arm of MAC Properties, and Jaclyn Maloney, an attorney with Husch Blackwell who is working with MAC Properties in an advisory role. Mr. Cassell and Ms. Maloney presented information on a plan to remove the cinderblock walk currently located between the two buildings which comprise the Kenwood Apartments located at the southwest corner of Armour Boulevard and Kenwood Avenue. MAC Properties has encountered resistance to this plan from the City of Kansas City Missouri City Plan Commission because the end result would allow for two existing structures on one lot. After those in attendance had an opportunity to view an artist's rendering of the finished project and discuss the issue, Nancy Lowdon moved that HPNA send a letter to the City Plan Commission stating that the neighborhood association supports the proposal. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Design Viewpoints: Mr. Kimmis next introduced Cecelia Dillon and Paul Hellmer, two neighborhood architects who talked briefly about their blog, www.twodesignviewpoints.blogspot.com. The blog discusses how architecture and design impact the everyday lives of individuals.

Green Landscaping: Mr. Hellmer, representing his company, Touch of Distinction Color and Design, then gave a presentation focusing on the principals of "green" landscaping. He also discussed how historic homes can benefit from landscaping techniques that differ from those typically seen in suburban areas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.