

## Antioch Hills Homes Association Annual Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 7, 2016

Following a Meet and Greet session with residents, AHHA President Connie Allen opened the AHHA Annual Meeting at 7:15 p.m. where the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were approved. (Moved by Colleen Boeding, seconded by Jean Buchta). It was suggested that in future years, we have a Networking Table where one can bring business cards to share during the Meet and Greet.

**Board Members present:** Connie Allen, Jim Smith, Nancy Steele, Jean Teel, Colleen Boeding.  
Absent: Kevin Schneier

**Website:** Nancy Steele showed and explained the revised website, [www.antiochhills.org](http://www.antiochhills.org). It will contain official papers, policies, etc.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Steele, Treasurer, discussed the need to keep a balance of a year's reserved fund which assures that money is available for future trash pickup, should there be a problem. Total liabilities and members' equity is \$31,027.27.

**Islands:** Connie Allen asked for volunteers to be on the Islands and Beautification Committee. Jerry Hodges and Jim Smith volunteered. Others are welcome to join.

**Chatterly Walkers:** Jean Teel thanked those who have taken their time to deliver the Chatterly to our neighbors without email and for the Annual Meeting announcement to all homes. She reminded us to be sure to send us any changes in e-mail addresses or phone number to [antiochhills@gmail.com](mailto:antiochhills@gmail.com) or to the website, [antiochhills.org](http://antiochhills.org).

**Garage Sale, June 23, 24, 25 2016:** Residents will need to sign up at City Hall or online at [merriam.org](http://merriam.org). Search *Online Garage Sale Permit Request* or call City Hall at 913-322-5500. The Homes Association will put up signs at significant corners on those dates. Publicity will be on [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), Facebook, and Craig's list.

**Election of Board Members:** The following residents were elected to the Board: Connie Allen, Jim Smith, Kevin Schneier and John Fetzer. Thanks to those who are serving to keep Antioch Hills as a great place to live. Board Member information:'

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**Residents' questions, concerns, etc. and City of Merriam Reports and Discussion:** Residents' comments led to a general discussion including our guests from the City of Merriam as shown below.

Guests: Mike Daniels, Chief of Police; Andy Graham, Merriam Communication and Public Engagement Manager; Chris Evans Hands, City Council Member

**National Night Out, August 2, 2016 (Tuesday).** Mike Daniels, Chief of Police of Merriam led a discussion of how to inform people of the annual National Night Out, the community-building campaign that promotes police-community, partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and a better places to live

We discussed including both Antioch Hills and Milburn West in an activity but one attendee said that Milburn West had disbanded.

NIXLE can email information into our own neighborhood as well as the Merriam Police Department's Facebook page.

("Nixle is a Community Information Service dedicated to helping you stay connected to the information that matters most to you, depending on your physical location. You stay connected to your local police department, your children's schools, your local community agencies and organizations, and the important information from other locations throughout the country that are relevant to you. Our service is built on the most secure, reliable, and high-speed distribution platform, ensuring that you receive trusted and immediate, geographically relevant information. Information is immediately available over your cell phone by text message, by email, and over the web. Your account can be customized so you receive the information that matters most to you. Whether it is where you live, work, or have friends or family throughout the country, the information is immediately available to you over your mobile phone, email and computer.")

Chris Hands, City Council Member, mentioned that August 2 usually has very hot weather. Chief Daniels said they may do a gathering of three parks for a larger venue. More information to follow.

The Merriam Communication and Public Engagement Manager, Andy Graham, spoke about the large recycling program taking place on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Lee Jeans Building. Volunteers are needed. Electronics, latex paint, and paper shredding are recyclables being gathered.

Connie Allen reminded us that Merriam Recycling by Deffenbaugh and the City of Merriam will take place on Monday, April 18.

In the City Council Report, Chris Hands, Merriam City Council Representative, stated that there is a \$20 charge/donation on TV recycling, \$5.00 a box for shredding.

The Merriam Farmer's Market opens May 7. There will be food trucks on the first Wednesdays of the month from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Turkey Creek Festival will be Saturday, May 21 with food trucks available.

The Quail Creek Park party will be July 15.

The Flags for Freedom celebration will be July 4 with food trucks available for lunch. There will be a happy hour truck on Wednesday p.m.

**Merriam City Council Report:** Chris Hands reported that there is a Park and Recreation facility study taking place in which a master plan is being developed. The Community Center was built in 1911 as an elementary school and is facing aging problems.

A consultant will be approved for the master plan. The City is working on a budget process to review projects for the next five years. It is hoped the budget will be published in August.

Street Improvements. Antioch north of W 67 St to Johnson Drive will be resurfaced. It is not yet out for bids. Farley Street will be improved and made into a real street.

Questions were asked about unfinished sidewalks along Antioch. Many orange and yellow flags indicating buried utility line have been observed in yards. **They should be kept in place for one week after the work is done; then they may be removed.**

Jerry Hodges reported that the generator noise from the hospital is getting better but still a problem as it goes for 3-4 hours.

**Merriam Website:** Andy Graham is responsible for the Merriam website. He is looking for ways to communicate with residents of Merriam. Please notify Andy about story ideas for the Merriam magazine or website. He's looking for creative solution for communicating ideas. Please share ideas with him at [agraham@merriam.org](mailto:agraham@merriam.org).

Andy said David Easley, the Neighborhood Services Manager, reminds people that there is a city ordinance for house painting so check this out on [merriam.org](http://merriam.org)

Some ideas were brainstormed to improve neighborhoods such as posting photos of the Lawn of the Week. These may be posted in the Merriam Highlights from Memorial Day through Labor Day. All parts of the City will be represented.

Rachel Asmus asked Andy about curbs and sidewalks which are not in good shape. He says these will be worked on.

The City of Merriam has joined [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) as another way to share information.

**WINNERS:** Winners of a \$25 credit on the Homeowners Annual Dues: Jean Buchta on Grandview and Marie Kennard of W 73 Street won the drawing. Congratulations to both.

Following the drawing, the meeting was adjourned.