

Antioch Hills Homes Association Annual Meeting Minutes 2017 DRAFT
Thursday, April 27, 2017
Antioch Library Large Meeting Room

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order.** President Connie Allen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Minutes of the 2016 meeting passed by a voice vote. All Board members were present. A quorum was present.
- 2. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Budget.** The Treasurer, Nancy Steele, reported a 2% increase in Deffenbaugh/Waste Management fees. The proposed budget for 2017-18 includes trash services, HA-KC administration, insurance, island maintenance, tax/audit report, newsletter, website expenses, and miscellaneous expenses. It was moved by Colleen Boeding to accept the budget and David Geist seconded. The motion passed. Dues are set again at \$200 for the year. It was approved.
- 3. AHHA Garage Sale Information.** –Friday and Saturday (note correction from the published Annual Meeting Agenda) June 9-10, 2017. Signs will be placed on street corners on Friday and Saturday only. Each household must get its own permit from the City (merriam.org / 913 322-5500). The sale will be announced on Nextdoor.com, Craig's List, and Facebook. Let Connie Allen know if you are having a garage sale so a sign can be placed on appropriate streets. (913 262-4681 / callen8901@gmail.com).
- 4. Old Business.** There was no outstanding old business
- 5. New Business.**
 - A. Chatterry.** Jean Teel asked for residents to let her know if they were able to download the PDF of the last Chatterry. The Board is looking for ways to make it easier and more efficient to receive the Chatterry.
 - B. Updating the AHHA By-laws to bring them into compliance with changes in the law and current practice.** Nancy Steele led the discussion. She indicated that she and Connie Allen updated and coordinated the Bylaws to meet current state standards. Jean moved the revised Bylaws be accepted and Mary Smith seconded. The motion passed.
- 6. Election of Board Members.** Terms expired for three members of the Board. All indicated interested in continuing on the Board. The following were reelected by a voice vote: Colleen Boeding, Nancy Steele, and Jean Teel.

7. **Guests representing the city of Merriam.** Chief Mike Daniels, Police Department; Chris Engel, City Administrator; David Easley, Neighborhood Services Manager; Chris Hands, City Council; Nancy Hupp, City Council.

A. **Chris Engel** said he was heartened to see an active Homes Association as they add to the maintenance and stability of the neighborhood.

He discussed the problems of dealing with old and out-of-dates municipal structures in which the upkeep is becoming more and more expensive, especially with unbudgeted and unexpected breakdowns. The Irene French Community Center building is over 100 years old while the swimming pool was originally build over 55 years ago. The playground equipment is over 30 years old.

The City brought in experts on updating old structures to look at the mechanics, electrics, plumbing, ADA regulations, etc. to recommend possible courses of action.

A steering committee compared repairing old facilities as well as replacing them. They considered the following: a. Does the facility provide for the community to gather today and tomorrow? b. Does it offer a way for children and young people to have activities so they are off the streets? c. Does it offer something for the Merriam residents?

Courses of action may include the following: 1) continue to repair and update the structures; 2) build new structures that are more appropriate for our community needs.

The question is which could be more cost efficient over the next 30 years?

Public meetings have been held to discuss the issues and to discuss how the projects will be financed. If a build-new option is chosen, a 1/4 cent tax must be approved by voters which will generate about \$2 million annually. Other monies may be available for capital improvement and for county and federal grants. Interest rates are good right now. Because of the number of people who live outside of Merriam but shop and pay sales tax here, Merriam residents will pay less than 20 cents for every dollar of sales tax collected.

More complete information can be found at <https://mprfacilities.org>

B. **Chief Daniels** discussed crime in Merriam. Antioch Hills had only two reports of crime in 2016.

Big picture crime often has to do with cars and traffic. Merriam has developed a model, Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS). This is where crime and traffic accident intertwine. In Merriam, there is a triangle where most crimes occur in the business district such as hit and run accidents and auto thefts. This area from Shawnee Mission Parkway to Johnson Drive and from to I-35 to Antioch forms the triangle. Officers spend time doing aggressive traffic reinforcement in this area. One is more likely to get stopped in this area,

especially on Antioch or Shawnee Mission Parkway. We are reminded to not talk on phones while driving and to watch the speed limit.

Last year, 40,000 vehicles used Shawnee Mission Parkway daily with 103 accidents; there were 700 accidents in Merriam. Thursdays between 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. record the most traffic accidents. Fridays have the most traffic accidents over all.

- C. **David Easley** discussed the project, 911+, to locate all homes in Merriam with no proper identification to shorten emergency response time.

All properties were looked at within the city. Those that were identified as not having address numbers received a door hanger outlining requirements. The City will begin pursuit through the mailing of violation notices if necessary for those who have not complied.

To conserve water, residents can create a rain barrel to capture rainwater and/or add native plantings, and native tree plantings. Merriam residents may apply for a reimbursement grant. See <http://www.merriam.org/869/Stormwater-Program>.

A question was asked about the availability of grants to help with exterior home improvements. This is a proposal that the Merriam City Council is considering. If adopted, the City could pay a certain percentage of the cost up to an approved amount.

Merriam will hold a native plant sale on Saturday, June 3, at the SM Park Pavilion Theater in the Park Entrance at 7710 Renner Rd. Preorders are available. Go to dtekc.com/plants for further information.

- D. City Council Member **Chris Hands** gave greetings from the city. She reminded us of the many people needed to help run the city to keep it a desirable place to live. City Council Member **Nancy Hupp** reminded us of the Flags for Freedom. Volunteers are needed to help place the Flags. Contact City Hall for further information
- 8. **Door Prize Drawing.** The two winners of the \$25 dues reduction are Jean Bethel and Rachel Asmus.
 - 9. **Adjournment.** Connie Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.