

University Grove Association
Annual Meeting
October 18, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Approval of agenda: moved, seconded, approved

Approval of previous year's minutes: moved, seconded, approved

Mayor Peter Lindstrom welcome and remarks:

- The City has some financial challenges, but it is working to meet them:
 - Some staff and services reduced
 - More use of City web site and list-serve
 - Even more services shared with other governments
 - Even more use of volunteers
- Aggressive ash tree replacement program throughout City
- New landscaping on Larpenteur Avenue
- New recycling program starting soon:
 - Residents will be notified
 - Everyone will get new bins
 - No sorting necessary
 - Pick-up every Friday

President Joe Kelly report: (presentation available online)

- Please contact Council Member Mercer-Taylor if you want to be on a City board or commission.
- Please contact any UGA Board member if you'd like to help the Association.

Nominations for next year's UGA Board: moved, seconded, approved

President – Ann Bechtell

Vice-President – Kevin Silverstein

Treasurer – Michelle Hallaway

Treasurer's Report, Michelle Hallaway (presentation available online)

Information Officer Report, Karen Kloser (presentation available online)

- All residents are encouraged to check the UGA website and participate in communications, especially the new message board.
- And check out the great photos from recent UGA events while you're there!

Additional items:

Joe Kelly: The UM lease requires all homeowners to assign the UM as an additional loss payee on their insurance. This is for the (unlikely) occurrence of mortgage default. Residents should forward the UM request (usually annually) to their insurance agents to take care of this technicality.

Joe Kelly: Any exterior improvements (as defined in the Lease) must be reviewed by the UM Real Estate Office and the appropriate UGA committee.

Joe Kelly: Board recommends that dues next year be \$25. In a show of hands, the meeting endorsed this recommendation. Because the meeting lacked a quorum, this question will be put formally to all residents by email.

Rebecca Montgomery, buckthorn removal:

- Most yards have been tagged if the UM student team found buckthorn. Removal is the homeowner's responsibility.
- The team started on the Trolley Path and other common areas, but didn't get very far because of the enormous quantity of buckthorn that needs to be removed.
- Montgomery may seek additional help from UM LandCare and from neighborhood volunteers.

Rebecca Montgomery, planting the traffic triangles: (presentation available online)

- A volunteer group is looking at planting designs, with an eye toward balancing aesthetics and safety/visibility.
- The group will rely upon donations of plant materials and labor.
- Planting is scheduled to start next spring.

Kevin Silverstein, new garbage contract: (presentation available online)

- The current contract expires in May 2011.
- The Board has received several bids and will make recommendations in the next few months. Voting on the new contract will be electronic.
- In a show of hands, the meeting unanimously supported retaining the current contractor (who received several compliments) and exploring future arrangements with a new firm that promises interesting new services.

Adjourn 9:20

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