

Eastwood Community Association
Annual Meeting at Eastwood Baptist Church
September 21, 2009

The annual meeting of Eastwood Homeowners was held at the Eastwood Baptist Church on September 21, 2009. Board members present were Dale Fredericksen, Royce Smith, Wayne Koc, Darrel Crosby, Roger Rensvold, David Knowles, Chuck Planer, and Linda McKelvey.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Fredericksen at 7:00 PM. Board members and their current positions were introduced. Dale welcomed all attendees.

Guest Speaker: Russell Smith, current mayor of Midwest City, joined the meeting and gave the homeowners an overview of “what’s happening” in the city. The following were presented:

- a. Sewer treatment plant. Funding is needed for this project, but at this time, the city does not know if we will have a vote to increase our city sales tax by a penny, or buy a revenue bond, or increase everyone’s water bill for sewer treatment. He posed to the group which we’d prefer and it was unanimous that we’d prefer an increase in sales tax.
- b. Completion of Trails Study.
- c. Joe Barnes Regional Park. Is overused, and the city is looking at expanding other areas for use.
- d. Upgrade of water treatment plant. It’s a \$4M+ project. More to come on this.
- e. City purchased the Guy James building, near current service center. Plans are to convert to a neighborhood services facility for public meetings, etc.
- f. Garbage service change: Effective Oct 1, the waste management trucks will be 100% automated, requiring residents to have a specific garbage cart, and each resident will be given one to use free of charge; however, if a second cart is needed, then a \$5.00 charge per month will be assessed to that homeowner. No more extra bags, boxes, etc., will be picked up. Those items will need to be taken to the waste/dump in MWC on Saturdays for disposal. Also, you can call the city for special pick up of items at a rate of \$36 per ½ hour; that charge will be added to your water bill. Some homeowners expressed that it was confusing when holidays are involved with our pick up service. Dale said just remember when a holiday falls on a Friday, our pick up is the Wednesday before that Friday.
- g. Question raised about recycle area at MWC Service Center. It is overflowing most of the time, and unusable. Mr Smith said he hoped to have the area cleaned up and more appealing to the users. Further, MWC has no plans to offer recycling at home sites. There are very strict rules imposed for items that are acceptable.

- h. New water lines will be added on SE 29th St.
- i. We're still cleaning up Soldier Creek from the storm debris and ice storm. It runs from NE 36th to SE 29th St.
- j. Plans in work to widen Post Rd from SE 15th north to Reno. Property owners have been notified.
- k. Question raised about fire hydrants, and how there are none/not enough in Choctaw. Mr Smith noted that Choctaw has no funds to increase and install the fire hydrants; and MWC has no plans to install the hydrants in Choctaw. He will not support sales tax dollars leaving MWC for this project.
- l. Question raised about the widening SE 15th and Westminster intersection. It is on the list, but currently the engineers are working on storm drainage issues if a widening should be done, as well as funding the project. It will be a very expensive project.
- m. The city received stimulus funds and they will be used to repair intersections at SE 29th/Douglas; SE29th/Midwest Blvd; and NE10th/Douglas.
- n. New Rail System: In works for future public transportation connecting MWC, Bricktown, Edmond. More to come on this proposal; but we need to watch for MAPS III, which will include connectivity to other city's transits.
- o. North Oaks Area: just north of the swimming pool. Rezoning is being looked at. Many thanks to our own Rick Dawson, on the planning commission and zoning commission working this area.
- p. Question regarding Heritage Park Mall. Response sounded very grim. There are multiple owners of the various portions of the mall. Multiple tickets are issued by MWC each week to the owners. Sears seems to be doing okay, but there are few stores left. There are structure problems, leaking, mold growing. At this point, the city is not sure what will happen with the building.
- q. Midwest Regional Hospital did indeed purchase the old Target building. And the hospital is expanding to a 7th and 8th floor facility.

Crime Statistics Report: Officer Tommy Lantz and Cammy Cartmill gave our neighborhood stats for the last year. We're very fortunate as we don't encounter much crime. But they both emphasized that anytime we see anything suspicious, or just don't feel right about something going on in the neighborhood to call them or call 911. They thanked the homeowners for continuing to be a team with the city in keeping our crime stats low.

Minutes from 2008 were distributed to all attending, reviewed and approved. Joan Valanejad moved the minutes be approved; second by Dave Mehlauff.

Budget for 2009-2010 was presented by treasurer Royce Smith. Items were discussed required, and motion made to accept the budget by Bob Jordan; second by Annette Lick.

Election of new board members. Each homeowner/household received a ballot with board nominated homeowners who have volunteered to serve their community. No new floor nominations were received, and the new board was approved; motion by Dale Smith; second by Wayne Goodman.

New board members: 3 year term: Dave Mehlauff, Joyce Dymek, Mike O'Boyle; 2 year term: Chuck Planer, Bob Holland, Linda McKelvey (these three volunteers are fulfilling vacated positions); 1 year term: Charles McStay. Congratulations to these new board members.

Open Forum:

Several items were brought before the attendees and board by several homeowners.

- a. Whatever happened to the surveys to change the declaration and bylaws? Only 10% of the surveys were returned; board members even went door to door to solicit opinions, etc., on the survey; and there was not enough interest by the homeowners. A 75% showing of homeowners is needed to make these changes.
- b. A couple of homeowners voiced their displeasure with board actions taken during the last year on several issues...to include the tone of our newsletter, a roof issue, singling out homeowners, liens on property, sheds, and motor homes being parked at homes permanently.
- c. Roger "defended" the board and our actions by reminding homeowners we are volunteers; we are not paid; we are not the police, and we make our decisions based on our bylaws and declarations when formal complaints or items are presented to the board. We do not believe we have been bias in making our decisions, but have based decisions on the information provided and have followed our bylaws and declarations.
- d. Royce also interjected that perhaps it is time that homeowners volunteer to help the board, and volunteer to be part of committees, led by the board. We had a positive reaction to this suggestion, and several folks volunteered and signed up for several of the committees, i.e., Friends of the Pond, Friends of the Pool, etc. It takes everyone working as a team to have a successful homeowners association and housing addition. We all must remember we want our property values to remain high; Eastwood is a desired place to live in MWC, and we want to keep it that way.

- e. Question raised about getting some shade at the pool. The board is trying to work that out. We had some umbrellas at the beginning of the season this year, but a storm took them down. Will continue to find an alternative.
- f. One homeowner, Mr Curt Pool, has asked for help in an erosion problem in the common area behind his house, which is affecting his property and fence line. There evidently is a long history of that area and an erosion problem; the city has in the past provided a load of dirt to fill in, but we have spoken with the city recently about repeat help, and have been turned down for our request. Mr Pool was advised to submit to the board for approval of what he planned to do as far as filling in and planting grass, etc.
- g. Question about the ponds: if there is any plan to add aerators, fountains, etc., but we cannot afford to do so at this time. They are very expensive; we've hired a pond expert to make the ponds ecologically balanced, and were told it takes time for this to happen. We've added fish to the south pond.

No further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.