

Kutzky Park Neighborhood Association  
April 11, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Jesse Welsh, President  
[jessemoranwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:jessemoranwelsh@gmail.com)

2. **Welcoming Remarks:** Jacque Jones  
[jones.jacque@mayo.edu](mailto:jones.jacque@mayo.edu)

3. **Report from Rochester Police Department:** Officer Greg Jeardeau  
[gjeardeau@rochestermn.gov](mailto:gjeardeau@rochestermn.gov)

a. Officer Jeardeau reported that the City of Rochester is no longer issuing residential permit parking tags because the license plate readers in use now have rendered the tags obsolete. Councilman Michael Wojcik noted that the next step will be for Planning & Zoning to use the same technology to identify who is renting parking spots off alleys.

b. A vehicle that was stolen in South Dakota was intercepted this morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW.

c. Officer Jeardeau said a rehabilitation house at 625 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SW has failed to meet codes. It is more than 100 years old. Residents will be housed elsewhere permanently or until the house is brought up to code.

d. There have been no alcohol-related problems in Kutzky Park recently, indicating that citizens are abiding by the Park's alcohol restrictions.

**4. Committee Updates**

a. **Communications:** Susan Goettsch, Secretary  
[goettsch.susan@gmail.com](mailto:goettsch.susan@gmail.com)

b. **Social Committee:** Tim Hawkins, Chair  
[timothy.hawkins1123@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.hawkins1123@gmail.com)

i. Easter Egg Hunt – April 15<sup>th</sup> Volunteers are needed by 2:30 p.m. this Saturday to hide 555 plastic eggs for the Kutzky Park Easter Egg Hunt, that will feature a giant “Easter Bunny” character. The hunt will begin at 3 p.m., rain or shine, at the tennis courts. Thunderstorms will result in cancellation. Children will be divided into three age groups: 0-3, 4-6, and 7-10.

c. **Philanthropy Committee**

i. Neighborhood Garden – wildflowers and “love garden” campaign. Tim Hawkins reported that we are hoping to plant wildflowers and other flowering plants that attract pollinators in the Neighborhood Garden, since there seems to be little interest in renting plots for vegetable gardening.

ii. Litter Bit Better – week of April 22-29. Consensus reached to have the Spring Park Clean Up on Saturday, April 29, at 9 a.m., and that volunteers will also pull garlic mustard from the banks of Cascade Creek at that time. Gail Kinsey brought samples of garlic mustard to the meeting to help volunteers identify it. She reported that if it isn't pulled, it will take over the banks of the creek. Gail has also talked to the City about

removing wild grape vines that threaten to kill trees along the creek. The City has no objections to that.

- d. Development Updates** Leslie Hohmann, Miracle Mile property manager, reported that demolition of the south end of the Miracle Mile will begin tomorrow. She said that the grocery store will not open until 2018, but that the residential part will open before that. She reported that special permission was obtained from the grocery tenant to have a coffee shop on the NE corner of the new “Miracle Market,” since the grocery tenant usually does not allow other tenants that serve food.
- e. Treasury Update** Jesse Welsh reported that KPNA has \$700 in our bank account that we may want to use for the betterment of the neighborhood. She asked that people start thinking about potential uses for the money. She said the board has begun giving some thought to the possibility of fund-raising as well.

## 5. New Business

- a.** Rochester Tennis Connection (Jan & Tim Budorac) “Raise the Net” fund-raising for renovations to the Rochester Tennis Center in Kutzky Park. Mr. Budorac reported that Mayo Clinic owned the land on which the Tennis Center was built until 1960, when it was sold to the City of Rochester for \$1 – with the stipulation that it would be run as a tennis club for 15 years. He was hired to manage the facility in 1979 and eventually became a city employee. The site needs complete renovation and the Tennis Center has received permission from Rochester Park and Rec to initiate a private fund-raising campaign with a goal of raising \$1.2 M. They hope to add a 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue car entrance to the parking lot, possibly with some additional parking along it. Mr. Budorac said that the Tennis Center typically has 300-400 members and that the annual adult membership fee is currently \$100. Non-members can play for a \$10 fee. Memberships run from May 15 to September 15. The fund-raising campaign is called “Raise the Net.” Please see [www.raisethenet.org](http://www.raisethenet.org) for details.
- b.** KPNA Bylaw Revisions – discussion and vote. This was tabled until the May meeting to allow more time for members to review the proposed changes to the bylaws.
- c.** KPNA Board Election Results
  1. President – Jesse Welsh
  2. Vice President – Tim Hawkins
  3. Secretary – Emily Lynch
  4. Board Members – Glenn Faith, Julie Shirley, Kellie Mueller

## 6. Old Business

- a.** Good Neighbor Awards Rita Huber was awarded the KPNA Good Neighbor Award.

## Announcements

### **2017 Pooch, Pedal, Walker’s Patrol**

The Rochester Police Department launched the Dog Walker Watch as a new crime awareness program for the City of Rochester and as a pilot project in 2014. It has been so successful in reporting suspicious activity, catching prowlers, burglars and kids in the parks after hours that they are now expanding the program to bicyclers (Pedal Patrol) and the daily walkers (Foot Patrol). The class will be for adult dog owners who walk their dogs daily, those who ride their bicycles and those who go for daily walks in their neighborhood. To date, 150+ dog walkers have been trained covering 90% of the City of Rochester. The dogs do not attend the class, just their owners/walkers and bikers.

The one hour training classes will be conducted at the Rochester Police Department's Training Classroom at the Government Center, 101 SE 4 Street from **6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. The training dates are the last Thursdays of the month from **March 30, April 27 and May 25**.

**Future Agenda Items**

- EAB Education & Neighborhood Strategy
- Friend of Indian Heights Presentation