Volker Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes July 21, 2010

Attendance: Ken Spare, Les Cline, Carol Thrane, Sandra Petersburg, Jim Wanser, Keith Spare, Beth Brubaker, Bob Simmons, Dee Evans, Kimberly Johnson, Durwin Rice, Michael Bongartz, Rick Anderson, Donna Strode, Dennis Cesari and Donna Kerr.

Ken Spare, President opened the meeting with introductions. Review of the April 21, 2010 meeting notes; Keith Spare motioned to approved, Carol Thrane seconded, notes were approved.

Guest: Durwin Rice made an announcement of (2) events:

- Bingo a Hamburger Mary’s on September 1 from 8-10 pm.
- Tulips on Troost is producing a new event December 12th at 3 pm. Lessons and Carols at St. Mark’s on Troost. It will benefit the beautification efforts in the neighborhoods surrounding Troost. The planning committee Chair is Marion Wheeler. Octarium (www.octarium.org) will be the featured choral ensemble. Cost will be $20.00.

Real Estate report/Service Level – Dennis Cesari presented Residential Property Maintenance Service Level Standards Report for April – June 2010. The report defined Summary of Service Responses and repairs. For Type I –Type II-Type III and Type IV repairs. The report also included a work summary of UMKC homes for FY 2010 and planned projects FY 2011. Dennis will send the FY Budget to Dee next week.

Comments include the appreciation of the report and shows progress and transparency. Ken emphasized that he would still like to see the details of the houses. Ken also requested that they follow up on the gutters on the houses on Harrison which did not appear to have been cleaned.

UMKC Facilities Update – Bob Simmons reported that the OSWDIII project is on hold due to current economic conditions and it doesn’t warrant moving forward. There is still interest in moving Young Matrons. There was no formal agreement with DST they were only helping to facilitate discussion of the development.

Keith Spare commented that the 51st street shops as well as his home and neighboring residents continue to experience flooding. He would like to know whether or not the Trustees would be interested in participating in a class action suit related to the storm sewer drainage intercept.

Bob reported that the houses on Troost were getting ready for environmental abatement before removal. Future community garden was still the initiative. The parking lot at Unews was ready for contractor to repave, remove gravel, add top soil and prepare to create a rain garden in the fall. Student Union will be open by start of classes. The bookstore will open August 6th. It was mention that there was enough parking and the parking structure to the north would be sufficient.

Committee Reports:

Property Maintenance, Parking and Landscape – Les Cline reported that a landscape plan had been developed and reviewed by the committee for later implementations.

Parking Residential – Ken reported that the parking signs were installed early which lead to the discussion of enforcement. Dee reported that Tony Nasseri had contacted the university to confirm an enforcement date. Following further discussion Dennis confirmed that Cohen Ersey could send notices to students. It was further discussed that the start date be sooner than later and the neighborhood
should determine the enforcement date. Les Cline President of Rockhill Crest Neighborhood motioned that the enforcement will began on Monday August 2nd. Donna Kerr seconded. There was one opposed. Dee will follow up with Dennis after notifying Tony.

**Crime/Security** – Beth Brubaker mentioned that she is no longer the Combat coordinator. Carol Thrane reported that the area residents have had stolen wheels off of SUV’s.

**Greek Housing Task Force** – Ken Spare reported that the document for recommendations has been submitted for consideration to the Vice Chancellor.

**Rockhill Crest Standing Committee** - Les Cline reported that the committee approved the signage guidelines and would like to move forward. Donna Kerr motioned to accept the guidelines and Keith Spare seconded. UMKC Signage Guidelines were adopted by the VNC. Motion approved. The Executive Order was finalized in the committee everyone internally UMKC and VNC has had the opportunity to review. It is currently in University legal counsel.

**New Business**
Kimberly Johnson reported that the Neighborhood 101 will be a networking event for residents and students to get to know one another on Wednesday September 1, 2010 at the Chancellor’s Residents, 5106 Cherry - 5:30 - 7:00pm. RSVP to Kimberly no later than August 25th if you plan to attend or have any questions: johnsonkimd@umkc.edu. Invitation will be sent by email to VNC.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday October 20, 2010 5:00 pm Administrative Center 2nd Fl Plaza Room