

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 16, 2006

President Peter Egan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and introduced the board members and Clarion editor Christie Makar. Pete recapped all the year's activities and noted how unusually successful the 4th of July Parade was under the direction of Jenny Johnson. Pete also advised everyone that Board Member Patrick Carr had to resign as Hallmark was transferring him and his family to Canada and could not attend this meeting. Pete thanked him for his service and asked for a round of applause. Pete also acknowledged Jan Marcasin, who is running for 4th District City Council as is Board Member Mel Solomon. Approximately 52 homeowners attended the meeting.

The first order of business was election of two board members. Stephen Parker said that the terms of two current board members, Peter Egan and Maya Coopersmith, were expiring and both were willing to stand for re-election. There were no nominations from the floor and Pete and Maya were unanimously re-elected.

Margaret Taylor presented the proposed budget for 2007 and advised that we were not requesting approval for any increase in dues. After answering several questions about dues and existing reserves, the budget was approved.

Before Mel Solomon introduced Guest Speaker Doug Jackson, Mel spoke about the history of Southwest High School and about returning it to its "glory days." Rather than re-cap Mr. Jackson's remarks, attached is copy of the Southwest Community Alliance's vision, purposes and goals.

Pete Egan then announced that the 2006 Good Neighbor Award was being presented to Mrs. Sharon Mohler in appreciation for all her work at Arbor Villa Park, for instituting the "Walking School Bus" program whereby parents alternate walking children to and from St. Peter's School as well helping with various homes association activities throughout the past years. Mrs. Mohler was presented a plaque and check for \$100 in acknowledgment of her many contributions to Armour Hills.

During the Q/A period, the subject of how homeowners become Board Members was raised and how the board vacancy would be filled. Maya said the Board preferred to advance a committee chairperson--previous experience had proved that a good committee chairperson was the best way to get a good board member--someone willing to attend board meetings as well as still chairing a committee. Mel said the Board needed to address this to be sure we complied with our bylaws.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## **SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, INC.**

The Southwest Community Alliance, Inc. (SWCA) originated in the summer of 2005 when interested individuals met to discuss concern regarding the KCMO School District's plans to utilize the vacant school building located at 6512 Wornall Rd. (formerly Southwest High School). With concerns about the District's plans, this group sought to be included in the planning process for District services in our area to ensure that any changes would meet the needs of our specific community. The SWCA continues to build influence in affecting the decisions of the District as it relates to the services offered in our specific community.

### **The SWCA Vision:**

To support high quality public education and diversity within the student population as critical components of the quality of life we enjoy in our neighborhoods.

### **The SWCA Purpose:**

To influence change in the quality of service provided by the KCMO School District to families located in our geographic area (generally defined as the southern corridor between State Line and Troost), ultimately providing a high-quality public education alternative for parents in our neighborhoods who would otherwise not use the District services or remove their students from the District after their primary education.

### **The SWCA Short-Term Goals:**

1. Foster community involvement with the specific purpose to
2. Create a high-quality district secondary school in our neighborhood, which will
3. Capture and retain students who would otherwise explore alternative education or move away from our neighborhoods.

### **The SWCA Objectives to Achieve Goals:**

1. Develop and maintain a formal relationship with the KCMSD administration to provide an efficient mechanism for communication and support in pursuit of goals.
2. Develop broad Southwest neighborhood support for the KCMSD and a secondary school in our neighborhood by showing that such a school will promote significant retention of current students and the acquisition of new students to the district.
3. Develop significant community support for the KCMSD and a new secondary school beyond the Southwest neighborhood to raise awareness and funding in support of our goals and objectives.
4. Support KSMSD board members, candidates, administrators and programs which promote open public participation in the continuing development of a quality public school system for all KCMO residents.

Please visit the SWCA website ([www.southwestcommunityalliance.org](http://www.southwestcommunityalliance.org)) and register your name in support of our efforts.

If you would like to make a small, tax-deductible contribution to assist us with mailings, website maintenance and publicity for our efforts, please mail it to The Southwest Community Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 7123, KCMO, 64113.

Thank you!!

**ARMOUR HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION**

**2007 Meeting Schedule**

All meetings are held at the Country Club Congregational Church,  
205 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street, and begin at 7:30 p.m.

January 16

February 20

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

August – **No Meeting**

September 18

October 16

November 20 – **Annual Meeting**

December – **No Meeting**

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