

## **GladAcres HOA Annual Meeting Notes – August 9, 2022**

**Attendees:** Andrew Kneisler (President), Jon Stanfield & Joe Battista

**Attending HomeOwners:** 35

### **Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.**

#### **1. Welcome**

Andrew Kneisler opened the meeting and introduced the returning board members and the guest speakers – Jeremy Meyers, Brian Shields and Overland Park Police Officer Captain Edwards.

#### **2. Arboretum/Parks & Recreation Updates**

Mr. Meyers, Assistant Director of OP Parks and Recreation, addressed the homeowners and explained the progress to date on the new Long House visitor's center at the Overland Park Arboretum. It will include a large new building (22,000 sq. feet) and a new main entrance for traffic. It is projected to be completed in May 2023. The new space will host weddings, corporate and foundation events (such as STEMs and the Luminary Walk). It will accommodate crowds of up to 250 people and will include a conference room, café, gift shop and some administrative offices. There are no immediate plans to build the amphitheater as originally proposed. They did complete a traffic study and it suggested that no other changes were necessary to support the new traffic. He estimates that they will host about 11 events per season.

#### **3. Traffic Plans and Procedures**

Brian Shields, City Traffic Engineer with OP, informed the homeowners about upcoming road projects in the area. Most notably he stated that there are plans to install a roundabout on Switzer similar to the ones used on Quivera. Switzer will also remain 2 lanes with a 6-foot shoulder. He also stated that there are plans in place to put a roundabout at 179<sup>th</sup> and Quivera. Many residents expressed serious safety concerns about that idea. One resident suggested that we coordinate a response through Scott Hamblin on the City Council. Residents also suggested that the interchange at 179<sup>th</sup> and US 69 highway is currently unsafe and includes poor line of sight. Residents also expressed serious concerns about the traffic backing up for drop off and pick up at Wolf Springs Elementary near the Arboretum. There are no plans to resolve this issue.

Officer Edwards next addressed questions about road safety and policing. Residents expressed serious concerns about school traffic speeding through the neighborhood on a regular basis. Officer Edwards stated that the city was understaffed for traffic enforcement but that he would personally be on the road checking our area for the next few weeks. He also stated that the temporary road closure on Switzer may help reduce traffic this year.

#### **4. Review Old Business**

- a. Joe Battista alerted the homeowners to the fact that OP has cancelled the annual bulk trash pickup. Instead, residents will need to contact their trash hauler and try to arrange for a date/time for this to happen. Homeowners are encouraged to reach out and do so.
- b. Jon Stanfield briefed homeowners on the fact that there are no plans to ever put GladAcres on city sewer. It is possible to do so in the future, but the community would need to fund the project and the costs appear to be prohibitive – in the range of \$40,000 per household. No further action recommended or needed.
- c. Andrew Kneisler updated the homeowners on the options to either upgrade or replace the existing community signage which is dated and/or missing in some cases. New board member Dan Bryson will lead the effort to investigate available options and make a recommendation to the board.

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Andrew Kneisler stated that the GladAcresEstates.com domain is purchased through July 2027. Balance of our account is \$2,734.26 per statement dated August 4, 2022. HOA will collect dues when the balance falls below \$2,500 as per bylaws.
- b. Board opened the floor for nominations for new board members and officers. Nominations were made a seconded; to join the board:

Dan Bryson  
Michael Watkins  
Donald Meyer  
Jessie Burkhalter

Donald Meyer will serve as Treasurer.  
Jessie Burkhalter will serve as Secretary.  
Dan Bryson will serve as Vice President.

All present voted in favor of these nominations, and they were installed as members and/or officer as nominated.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45p.m.**