

John Crawford

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RE: Two Crestwood Homes Association meetings regarding the proposed relocation of the Rockhill Tennis Club proposed

To All Crestwood Neighbors:

The purpose of this email is to transmit to you a Summary Recap of the two Crestwood Homes Association meetings that were held Saturday morning, March 6th and Monday evening, March 8th.

I think any fair assessment would acknowledge that Rockhill's presentation advocating for its proposal, and the subsequent presentation by Crestwood neighbors who oppose such relocation were both informative and heartfelt. Certainly there were strong disagreements among the two groups, and perhaps not surprisingly, among Crestwood neighbors themselves, both with regard to the subject matter and with regard to how the meetings progressed.

It is also my personal view that overall, the conduct of the two opposing groups and that of our Crestwood community was not only civil, but even gracious. I hope others feel that way as well.

Best regards,

John Crawford

Vice President, Crestwood Homes Association

Crestwood Homes Association (CHA) Meetings Regarding proposed Rockhill Tennis Club (RTC) Relocation to Cherry Street

Held at Second Presbyterian Church (55th and Oak Streets)
Saturday, March 6th from 9:00 am to 12:15 noon
Monday, March 8th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Summary Recap

The purpose of this recap is to summarize the general discussion held at the two above-referenced meetings, as well as the votes taken at each.

Meeting preparation and notices

In early February 2009, CHA Board Vice President John Crawford was asked to represent the CHA Board in any and all matters pertaining to the RTC's proposed relocation. In cooperation and coordination with with project representatives of RTC, and of Crestwood neighbors who oppose RTC's proposed relocation, Mr. Crawford facilitated the planning for these two Crestwood-wide meetings. In advance of the meetings, two separate notices informing Crestwood residents of the meetings, both emails were sent by John Crawford to every known email address for Crestwood residents. The first notice, sent February 19th indicated:

I also want to take this opportunity to restate the Crestwood Board's very clear position that:

- It is the neighborhood as a whole, not the Board, that should and will decide Crestwood's response to the Rockhill plan (as was stated at the CHA Annual meeting at Eggtc)
- How the neighborhood makes this determination is also for the neighborhood itself to decide

So this decision-process will also be discussed at these two Crestwood-wide meetings.

What I anticipate at this point is that at both of these meetings, RTC will be given ample time to describe their plans, after which there will be ample time for Q & A as well as feedback to RTC from Crestwood Neighbors, and then RTC representatives will depart, and the Crestwood community will discuss how to proceed (whether there should be some sort of vote to support/oppose, if so what should be the voting process).

The second email was sent on Friday, March 5th as a reminder of the meetings, and provided an Agenda, noting that both meetings were intended to provide the same information, and that Crestwood neighbors were welcome to attend either or both meetings. The Agenda provided was the following:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>
	John Crawford	Welcome, outline of Schedule, Process
20-30	Rockhill	Presentation of History, Objectives, Plan
20-30	Crestwood Neighbors Opposed	Presentation of Concerns
20-30	Crestwood Neighbors and Rockhill	Q & A
Remaining item for Crestwood Residents only		
20-30	All Crestwood Neighbors (J. Crawford facilitating)	Discussion/Consensus: how/what to decide (without Rockhill)

Finally, in addition to these two emailed invitations/notices, CHA's hard-copy newsletter, the Crestwood Way, was mailed out to every Crestwood resident of record on February 24th, with notice of these Rockhill-related meetings being the most prominent feature on page 1.

Note: In advance of the meetings, RTC asked CHA's John Crawford if RTC could be allowed to invite to the March 8th meeting other owners of property within 185 feet of the proposed project, who are outside Crestwood, in order that RTC could demonstrate to the City that RTC had provided nearby owners with an opportunity to hear details about the proposed project. Mr. Crawford agreed that RTC should make such an additional invitation.

With respect to association wide communications to CHA, it was agreed that RTC would coordinate with and direct such communication to Mr. Crawford to then disseminate to the entire association.

Also, in advance of the two meetings, Mr. Crawford solicited from Crestwood neighbors written questions about the RTC plan. A list of 39 questions were sent to RTC on February 28th, asking best efforts to send written answers by March 4th if possible, in order that the response might be provided to Crestwood neighbors in advance of the meetings. On March 5th, RTC sent a one-page general overview of the RTC proposal, and provided a larger information packet at the meetings themselves.

At the meetings

At the Saturday, March 6th meeting, persons representing 33 Crestwood homes signed the meeting attendance sheets; while at the March 8th meeting persons representing 45 Crestwood homes signed the meeting attendance sheets. Between the two meetings 53 homes were represented — one third of Crestwood's homes, a higher than typical level of attendance at CHA annual meetings.

Of the homeowners attending Saturday the 6th, all but 8 also attended on Monday the 8th; while 20 homeowners attended on the Monday the 8th who were not represented on Saturday the 6th.

At both meetings, equal time was provided to RTC and to Crestwood neighbors opposed to RTC's relocation to present information and arguments in favor of each position. Each meeting did include a Q&A session providing additional information on both sides.

Finally, at both meetings, persons other than Crestwood Residents were asked to depart (except city planner Jacob Dobsch who attended the March 8th meeting and was asked to participate in the Crestwood only discussion), allowing the Crestwood neighborhood to have its own discussion about what the Crestwood Homes Association should do regarding the Rockhill proposal — should Crestwood seek to take a position in support or in opposition? ... if so, how should such a decision be made? John Crawford reiterated that the Board had already determined prior to the CHA's Annual Meeting on November 10th at Eggtc, that the Board would defer any such decision(s) to the neighborhood as a whole (which was stated at the Annual Meeting).

At both meetings, both during the competing presentations and later during the Crestwood-only internal discussion, clear differences of opinions about the merit of the Rockhill proposal were voiced. Nonetheless, while the discussion was occasionally heartfelt and animated, the overall tenor of remarks throughout were quite civil, even gracious.

Votes taken

At both meetings, during the Crestwood-only discussions, Crestwood residents made motions regarding whether Crestwood as a whole, as a Homes Association, should seek to weigh in with respect to the City's deliberations regarding the Rockhill proposal. A number of attendees voiced opposition to the idea of taking votes per se, stating that the meeting notices did not expressly indicate that votes would be taken. However, the following votes were taken when motions were made and seconded from the floor and after discussion in each case.

Saturday, March 6th.

MOTION: To allow only those Crestwood residents who live within 185 feet of the proposed project site to vote on behalf of the CHA. Approved by a vote of 13 For, 11 Against.

MOTION: That CHA ask the City Plan Commission to not take any action on the project on April 6th, but to defer any consideration until Rockhill has provided the neighborhood with sufficient detailed information that it can provide an informed recommendation. Approved by a vote of 23 For, 3 Against.

Monday, March 8th.

MOTION: To allow only those Crestwood residents who live within 185 feet of the proposed project site to vote on behalf of the CHA. Withdrawn in favor of the following Motion.

MOTION: The Crestwood Homes Association and its Board will never take a position or vote on the Rockhill Tennis Club's relocation to the Reed Estate at 5236 Cherry Street. Approved by a vote of 34 For, 21 Against, 3 Abstentions

Note: the above vote totals include:

34 For Approval: 27 in attendance, plus 7 proxies

21 Against Approval: 8 in attendance, plus 13 proxies

3 Abstentions: all in attendance

58 votes in Total

Per the discussion during this last vote, it was understood that the intent was that the individual right of Crestwood residents to write or speak out for or against the project remains unaffected. It was also appeared to be understood that since the two motions on March 6th were not carried forward to the March 8th meeting that the only motion to control is the motion to take no position.