

Country Club District Homes Association

Annual Meeting

September 17, 2014

The annual meeting of the Country Club District Homes Association was held on September 17, 2014 following a social hour and dinner catered by Stroud's. The dinner and meeting, held on Schmelzer "Rooster" Island in the heart of our neighborhood, was attended by 72 residents.

The meeting was led by association president Nina Hollabaugh, who began by introducing other members of the board of directors as well as those present who had moved into the neighborhood this past year. Nina thanked a number of people who have supported our neighborhood by assisting in the care of our islands and those who had helped with the dinner and meeting.

Molly McGee, the board member who coordinates the care of our ten islands, offered an update on our grass and tree maintenance, our attention to green space urns, and the rebuilding of the urn at 59th and Ward Parkway that suffered extensive damage after being hit by a car last winter. Molly noted that Heinen has provided our lawn care in recent years. She noted that in an effort to be fiscally responsible, she has, on behalf of the board, requested new bids from Heinen and two other lawn care providers, which the board will consider at upcoming meetings.

A treasurer's report was then offered by Nina. She reported that the association receives roughly \$20,000 each year through the Base and Other Assessments paid by each resident. In recent years annual expenses have risen to over \$25,000, with the major expense being island and fountain maintenance. Other expenses include our fee to the Homes Association of Kansas City for support to our board and neighborhood, annual dinner and meeting

costs not covered by the individuals attending, and the newsletter.

Nina went on to explain that each home's Base Assessment, roughly \$30, is based on lot size when the home was built and cannot be changed. The Other Assessment is currently \$46 per household and has not been increased since 2002. It was noted that of the 246 homes in our association all but four are current on their dues. Nina explained that the board believed an increase of \$29 to a total of \$75 for the Other Assessment was necessary for us to meet our expenses without further jeopardizing our reserves. Molly McGee moved and it was seconded that the Other Services Assessment be increased to \$75 annually, beginning in 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Edwards, coordinator of neighborhood communications, encouraged neighbors to sign up for her email alerts, which supplement the newsletter, if they are not already receiving them. She also announced Dumpster Day from 8 AM-12 PM on Saturday, September 27. Almost all junk, with the exception of yard waste, tires, appliances and hazardous waste, can be brought to the dumpster to be placed on the parking lot of Country Club Christian Church.

The next item of business was the election of new board members. Nina thanked Willie Luening and Doug Moskowitz, who are leaving the board, for their service. Molly McGee then moved that both Mary Edwards and Nina Hollabaugh be re-elected to another two year term on the CCDHA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Molly then moved that the Judy Donnellan and Don McFarland be elected to serve two year terms on the CCDHA Board of Directors. This motion, too, was seconded and passed unanimously. Before moving on to new business, Molly noted the significant and outstanding work Nina has done in her role as president of the association. She offered thanks for Nina's dedication and service. Her words were followed by a warm round of well-deserved applause.

In a final item of new business the possibility of learning more about neighborhood patrols, particularly the services coordinated by KCPD Sergeant Brent Parsons, was raised. Considerable discussion ensued, with some expressing interest in learning more about this possibility, perhaps through a forum that could be scheduled by the board. Others expressed ideas as to other ways we might address neighborhood security, including calling 9-1-1 with concerns and consistently using home alarm systems. The board will consider any next steps at upcoming board meetings.

The evening closed with remarks from guest speaker Clarence "Fox" Foxworthy, Executive Director of the Homes Associations of Kansas City. Fox shared that the HA-KC is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1944 by the JC Nichols Company. It currently provides support to sixty homes associations in Missouri and Kansas. Their support ensures that all of the work required of associations does not have to be done by volunteers. Core services include dues invoices, the paying of expenses, monthly financial reports, maintaining a member data base, and welcome packets to new neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Fenley, Secretary