

Country Club District Homes Association

Annual Meeting

September 9, 2015

The annual meeting of the Country Club District Homes Association was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 following a social hour and dinner catered by Carmen's Cafe of Brookside. The dinner, held on Schmelzer "Rooster" Island in the heart of our neighborhood, was enjoyed by 74 residents with additional neighbors joining the meeting.

The meeting was led by Nina Hollabaugh, President, who began by reminding us that there are 246 homes in CCDHA, located from the south side of 57th Street to the north side of 65th Street and from Ward Parkway to Summit. Nina introduced members of the board of directors, noting that Joanne Kane had been appointed by the board to complete the term of Judy Donnellan, who had resigned due to scheduling conflicts. Those present who had moved into the neighborhood this past year introduced themselves and received a warm round of applause. 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. Nina graciously welcomed Glen Miles, the senior minister of Country Club Christian Church, the only non-residence member of our association, and thanked him for the beautiful renovation of the church and for the ways the church connects with the neighborhood.

Don McFarland, Treasurer, reported that the CCDHA is in good fiscal shape. We receive roughly \$26,500 in dues with expenses approaching \$25,500 annually. Additionally, the association has \$27,000 in reserve. Don noted that our main expenses are island maintenance, tree trimming and replanting, fountain maintenance, the annual dinner, the newsletter and Homes Association of Kansas City (HA-KC) administrative costs.

Molly McGee, Vice President, gave an update on the islands. She noted that Heinen continues to provide our lawn care. She also noted that additional plantings were done this year, including beautiful plantings on either end of Schmelzer "Rooster" Island.

Molly encouraged neighbors to join the committee that helps tend the islands.

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 26. She will provide specifics on acceptable/unacceptable items via email but noted that this year there will be three dumpsters, one for trash, one for lawn rubbish and one for electronics recycling. The dumpsters will 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 Hannah Fenley, who is leaving the board after serving a two-year term, and Molly McGee, who has served on the board since 2006, including six years as Vice President. Mary Edwards made three motions which were seconded and unanimously approved. Jonathan Kemper was re-elected to a two-year term which expires in 2017; Joanne Kane's appointment by the board was ratified and expires in 2016; and Gary Seaton and Randy Irey were elected to serve two-year terms on the board with those terms expiring in 2017.

Residents were encouraged to sign up for any of three committees---Dumpster Day, Island Maintenance and Annual Dinner---as a way of getting involved and supporting our neighborhood. Volunteering was facilitated by signup sheets, prepared by Joanne Kane, at each table. The sheets offered a description of the roles of the committees and space to sign up.

Although there was no new business, Nina reminded residents to contact the homes association when planning additions and renovations to their homes to make sure they are in compliance with restrictions and setbacks. She also reminded home owners that they and their lawn care providers should take care not to blow grass clippings into the gutters and sewers. This led to questions about the smoke testing of the sewer system in our area. Questions were raised, as well, about streets that are lined with ash trees and what the city is doing in light of the ash borer problem. Although no one had definitive answers to these questions, Nina did note that the city's 3-1-1 call line offers helpful responses to questions and concerns. In the

course of the meeting, neighbor and former mayor, Dick Berkley, reminded the group that we have new city council representatives and that it would behoove us to connect with them.

The evening closed with a presentation from three guest speakers from VanTrust, Tom McGee, Leah FitzGerald and Rich Muller. VanTrust, which is headquartered in Kansas City but has divisions in other cities around the country, takes on development projects that the city allows, that neighbors accept and that are financially feasible. They specifically addressed ongoing projects at 51st and Main and 51st and Oak. The project at 51st and Main has filled 125 of 176 living units and is leasing retail space. The project at 51st and Oak will include 170 apartments, a Whole Foods store, a UMKC student health clinic and parking.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Fenley, Secretary