

COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 13, 2014

Present: Nina Hollabaugh, President
Hannah Fenley, Secretary
Don McFarland, Treasurer
Mary Edwards
Jonathan Kemper
Molly McGee

Absent: Judy Donnellan

The meeting opened with the approval of the minutes from the September 17, 2014 Annual Meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding the issue of neighborhood security which was considered at the meeting. Because the topic generated a variety of suggestions from neighbors in attendance, Mary Edwards, communications, and Hannah Fenley, secretary, agreed to prepare a follow-up article for an upcoming newsletter.

President Nina Hollabaugh then presented a treasurer's report, which included news that all but three of the 246 homes in the association are current on dues. All present gladly noted that the increase in the Other Assessment by \$29 to a total of \$75 per home was unanimously approved at the Annual Meeting. The Other Assessment increase will take effect in January 2015. A notice and explanation will be sent to homeowners with their dues.

The next item of business was the election of board officers. Nina reviewed the duties of the various officers and informed the group that non-board members can serve as secretary, treasurer and in other roles. The officers present agreed to take on the positions utilized by our board, and the following slate was unanimously approved:

President- Nina Hollabaugh
Vice President- Molly McGee
Secretary- Hannah Fenley

Treasurer- Don McFarland

In addition to serving as Vice President, Molly McGee will continue as coordinator of our neighborhood islands. Jonathan Kemper will continue his service as the association's web master, and Mary Edwards will continue in her role as communications coordinator. Secretary Hannah Fenley will again coordinate the Annual Dinner.

The following quarterly board meetings were scheduled for 2015: Tuesdays January 13, April 14, July 14 and October 13. In light of excellent attendance at the 2013 and 2014 Annual Dinner and Meeting, both of which were held in September, the board indicated its intention to once again schedule in September in 2015.

Hannah reported that 72 neighbors attended the September 17 Annual Dinner and Meeting, catered by Stroud's. The cost of the dinner, which included tables, chairs and tent, caterer and bar, was roughly \$3,300 or \$45 per guest. \$1,400 was collected from attendees with additional costs covered from the CCDHA budget. The board agreed that the evening had been well-received and enjoyed. Suggestions were made for the 2015 Dinner, including using Stroud's again, although possibly with smaller portions, or using Brookside's Bella Napoli. In light of the discussion around neighborhood security, it was suggested that we consider having a KCPD officer speaker at the meeting. Having a speaker from the Parks Department or the city council was also suggested.

The care and maintenance of our islands was then addressed. Molly had obtained bids for the upcoming season's work on the ten neighborhood islands. The bids came from Heinen, the company currently serving the association, and two other lawn/landscape companies. Because the board has been pleased with the quality of Heinen's service and communication and because their bid was equivalent to the other two, the board unanimously approved continuing to utilize Heinen. Jonathan offered to look into an urn for 57th and Ward Parkway and mentioned that funds might be available from the 55th-59th Street Fund Foundation to help cover the cost of purchase and installation. He indicated he would contact nearby homeowners to see if they were amenable to this idea.

Mary reported that the 2014 Dumpster Day, held on the morning of Saturday, September 27th, went great, with a good number of volunteers helping. There was only one dumpster, utilized for

trash, this year, but Mary anticipates having two dumpsters next year, one for trash and one for yard waste. Dumpsters are provided at a cost of \$60 each to the homes association, delivery and pickup included, through a KCMO program.

The final item of business was the consideration of bids for repair of the Dove Vase at Greenway Terrace and Ward Parkway. This vase is a priceless piece of art purchased in Italy and donated by J.C. Nichols in the early 1920s as our neighborhood was being established. It was installed at the time the Meyer Circle Seahorse Fountain was erected by the J.C. Nichols Company. This outstanding piece of art is a wonderful example of the art donated to the community by the company and is one our neighborhood's most valuable assets. Nina had obtained three bids, two of which were in the \$4,000 range and one of which was substantially higher. The similar bids had fairly different recommendations, and Nina will follow up with the bid made by the provider recommended by the Nelson. The board was particularly interested in the issue of stabilizing the base. Jonathan reminded the board that neighbors can make tax deductible donations to the Community Foundation for island work.

In closing the board agreed to send a proposed letter of congratulations to Country Club Christian Church on the completion of its extensive external renovation and agreed to thank Pat and Bill Pasek for their commitment to the care of Schmelzer "Rooster" Island with a gift card. Nina encouraged board members to attend the HA-KC All Boards Dinner on November 5th at Milburn Country Club at which Mark McHenry, Director of KCMO Parks, will be the speaker.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 5:30 PM Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Fenley, Secretary