

COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 14, 2015

Present: Nina Hollabaugh, President  
Hannah Fenley, Secretary  
Don McFarland, Treasurer  
Mary Edwards

Absent: Molly McGee, Vice President  
Judy Donnellan  
Jonathan Kemper

The meeting opened with a Treasurer's Report from Don McFarland, Treasurer. He reported little change in finances since the previous meeting; although the board was pleased to hear that the majority of annual dues have been paid, leaving just twenty households with outstanding dues. Expenses accrued include the first month of lawn care by Heinen and a donation of \$100 to Country Club Christian Church for providing event space and coffee service for the March 7 neighborhood security forum.

The 2015 Annual Dinner was the first item of discussion. The dates of Wednesday, September 9 and 23 were identified as potential dates, and in light of board member schedules the evening of Wednesday, September 9 has since been set. Schmelzer "Rooster" Island will once again be the setting for the dinner. The board agreed that it would like to have a neighborhood restaurant cater the event. Hannah Fenley will present potential restaurants' menus and their cost at the July board meeting.

The March 7 neighborhood security forum was reviewed. Nina Hollabaugh, President, prepared an excellent summary of the forum, which was attended by 53 persons, many of whom live in CCDHA. Please find her summary attached to these minutes. Mary Edwards will include helpful information from the forum in the next newsletter. All board members present had attended the forum. In light of the information presented at the forum and our discussions with neighbors in attendance, it was determined that no further action on security is necessary at this time.

Numerous people and dogs walk through our neighborhood, with many passing along Schmelzer "Rooster" Island. In light of the unfortunate fact that too many pet owners do not clean up after their pets, the possibility of setting up pet way stations was raised. Questions brought up in the discussion that ensued included where stations would be located, who would maintain them and what costs might be involved. Don will obtain information prior to our July meeting with regard to specific stations available, their cost, method and cost of installation, and the cost of bags. The board determined that it would be appropriate to offer bags at stations but not trash cans, as these would require significant maintenance.

The agenda then led to the topic of our association's islands and fountains. Molly McGee, who coordinates the care of our islands, had indicated to Nina that it would be helpful to have volunteers assist with planning and planting containers and the area around our fountain. Mary will send an email inviting neighbors to volunteer, leading, perhaps, to a gardening committee. Nina has continued to coordinate our services with Heinen. Spring cleanups and mowing were delayed until later in March this year in an effort to control costs. New mulch will be put down to help contain moisture, and Heinen will water as needed in dry circumstances after first obtaining clearance to do so. Nina has stressed to Heinen the importance of cleaning up all grass cuttings. There was a question as to why the fountain had not yet been turned on, and following the meeting Nina learned from Justin, our fountain expert at Monet Aquatics, that the fountain will be opened the week of May 11. Earlier opening has been determined to be detrimental due to clogging by weeping of the locust trees and the droppings of migrating birds.

The possibility of sending a form with an upcoming newsletter and also with the annual dues notice was mentioned. Among other things, the form could serve as a way for neighbors to sign up for Mary's email blasts or volunteer to become involved in areas such as gardening and the annual dinner.

Nina brought to the board several issues that had been presented to her. Concern had been expressed about lawn debris in the four lots on Ward Parkway between 63rd and Greenway Terrace. Since the meeting, the Homes Association of Kansas City, at Nina and the board's request, sent a letter to the property owner. It is hoped that action will soon be taken to clean up the property. Another concern is the use of a home on 57th Terrace as an airbnb. Nina has been in communication with neighbors and the

home owner and is aware that the city is looking into this and intends to hold public forums where residents can provide input.

Under New Business Nina noted that the two-year terms of Molly McGee, Vice President, Jonathan Kemper and Hannah Fenley, Secretary, end this year. The board needs to determine whether these board members will take another term or whether new volunteers need to be asked to join the board. Hannah Fenley indicated she will not continue on the board. It is unknown at this time whether Molly and Jonathan wish to serve another term. Election of board members will occur at the annual meeting in September.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 5:30 PM Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah Fenley, Secretary

## KCPD COMMUNITY FORUM

On Saturday, March 7th, Country Club District and Country Side Home's Associations hosted a KCPD Community Forum. Over fifty people attended the event which was held in the Social Hall at the Country Club Christian Church. A panel of eight officers from the Metro Patrol Division addressed the issues and concerns of the neighbors. They detailed how the three department watches operate and interact, provided detail of recent criminal activity in our area and answered all the questions that were posed by the audience. In addition, they discussed the various ways we could help secure our homes and make them less attractive targets and less vulnerable to burglary.

They urged us all to be proactive. If you notice any suspicious individuals, harassing solicitors or unusual cars on your street, don't hesitate to call the KCMO Police Non-Emergency Number 816.234.5111 or 911 and report this observation. It is helpful for the patrol officers to have descriptions in case individuals or groups are casing the neighborhoods. Take the time to put this number in your cell phone or place by your landline, so that you can reach them quickly. KCPD provides residential security assessments free of charge to City residents. Contact Metro CIO John Trainor at [john.trainor@kcpd.org](mailto:john.trainor@kcpd.org) to schedule yours.

Additional items the officers outlined to make help make your home a harder target include:

Lock your doors and close your garage doors, even when you are home, to discourage quick grab and dash crimes.

Don't leave your car idling in your driveway. Unlocked cars or cars with valuables like cell phones, laptops or purses in plain view, are easy targets.

If someone knocks on your door or rings the bell, don't ignore them. You don't have to answer or open the door, but do let them know that you are home. Often burglars knock on a front door, if there is no response, they go to the back and kick in a door. They don't want to confront individuals, if they know you are home, they will move to another target.

Trim large bushes and foliage around your windows and doors so burglars can't conceal themselves while trying to look inside or break in.

Lighting is a big deterrent to crime. Make sure you have outside lights around your home and turn them on. Areas that are very dark provide cover for criminal activity.

If you have an alarm system, make sure it is permitted by the city. If it is equipped with an outside alarm and/or strobe lights, it is usually more effective.

Notify neighbors when leaving town and kindly ask them to collect papers and mail, rather than "stopping delivery" while gone. This also gives your neighbors a heads up, in case they see any unusual activity while you are away. Place timers on lights inside your home to activate while you are gone.

Our thanks to Major Floyd Mitchell, Captain Shawn Nichols, Captain Don Jantzen, Captain Justin Kobolt, Sergeant Kevin Kilkeny, Sergeant John Blomquist, Sergeant Mike Satter and Community Information Officer John Trainor. They were all very informative, approachable, humorous and on point. We know from the many positive comments, that neighbors came away with a much more clear understanding of how the department operates and an even greater appreciation for all they do to keep us safe every day. We look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen our neighborhoods.

Many thanks to the Country Club Christian Church for giving us such great place to gather and providing coffee and beverages. Also, a big thank you to CCDHA board members Hannah Fenley and Mary Edwards, who coordinated with Kathy Arthur, president of Country Side HA, to secure the panel of officers, prepare an agenda and facilitate the program.