

**COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**August 10, 2015**

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

The meeting opened with a Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Don McFarland, who reported that our finances remain steady. Recent expenses include the removal of two trees at 59th and Ward Parkway, along with ongoing seasonal care of our ten islands. The number of homeowners delinquent on their association dues has dropped to seven.

The first item of discussion was the 2015 Annual Dinner and Meeting, which had previously been set for Wednesday, September 9 on Schmelzer "Rooster" Island. Hannah Fenley, coordinator of the dinner, had secured rental of a tent, lighting, tables and linens from AAA Party Rental. She had gathered information from local restaurants that cater, and in light of the information obtained recommended that we use Carmen's Cafe in Brookside for this year's dinner. The board had approved this recommendation by email and at this meeting concurred with a menu of chicken spiedini, pasta, salad, and dessert. Hannah will continue to handle details of the dinner, including mailing invitations and determining table linens and centerpieces. Joanne Kane and Don McFarland graciously agreed to organize the bar for the event.

The board also reviewed the brief agenda Nina Hollabaugh, President, had prepared for the annual meeting. Board member Jonathan Kemper had secured three guests from VanTrust to speak briefly then take questions regarding two new local projects, one of which includes a Whole Foods store. Special thanks to Jonathan for securing our speakers and for agreeing to introduce them at the meeting. Our speakers and Glen Miles, senior minister at Country Club Christian Church, will be invited to attend the dinner as our guests. As in recent years, those

homeowners who have moved into the association since the previous dinner will be invited to attend as our guests. This year we will be inviting twelve new neighbors as our complimentary guests.

Discussion then moved to island maintenance. Molly McGee, Vice President and coordinator of island care, who along with Nina, works most closely with Heinen expressed pleasure with the work Heinen does and with Blake's responsiveness to our concerns and requests. Molly noted that two trees at 59th and Ward Parkway had to be removed and stumps ground. This work was done by Urban Tree Specialists, whom we have used often to trim trees in the area. The possibility of planting two sugar maples is being considered, and Nina suggested that tall grasses be planted to cover the small utility structures on that island. Molly reported that additional flowers and plants have been planted this year, and the board unanimously agreed that they add beauty to the neighborhood.

An additional aspect of our island maintenance is the fountain on Schmelzer Island. It is expensive to maintain, requiring \$75 per week for scheduled maintenance by Justin of Monet Aquatics as well as the cost of necessary repairs. An issue with this fountain is that it operates on re-circulating water due to the fact that there is not a source of fresh water. Nina agreed to ask Justin if adding a reservoir so that more water is available would be feasible. In general, however, the consensus of the group was to maintain the fountain as long as it works then remove it and place a large attractive urn in that space.

The idea of placing a bench in the neighborhood to honor Bea Davis arose during our discussion of the islands and their care. Bea did much to maintain and enhance the beauty of our neighborhood through many years of her life.

Mary Edwards, who coordinates our annual Dumpster Day in addition to providing excellent communication to our association, suggested several September and October dates for this year's dumpster day. Since the time of the meeting she has secured two dumpsters from the city---one for trash and one for lawn rubbish (leaf and brush) ---for Saturday, September 26. As in previous years, the dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot of Country Club Christian Church from 8 AM until noon.

Nina next raised the issue of board vacancies. We need to fill the second year of Judy Donnellan's term in light of her recent resignation from the board. We also need to elect two new board

members to two-year terms to replace Molly McGee and Hannah Fenley who have completed their terms and are leaving the board. The board asked Joanne Kane, who had indicated potential interest in serving on the board, and was pleased when she agreed to step in for the second year of Judy's term. (Association bylaws allow the board to select someone to complete unfulfilled terms.) Joanne further pleased the board by offering to serve as secretary, as that position will be vacated when Hannah Fenley leaves the board. Nina shared with the group names of various neighbors who had expressed interest in being involved and others that people had suggested to her. Feedback given by board members will guide Nina as she reaches out to find two new board members. It was noted that it would be helpful to create more active committees, such as planting, annual dinner and dumpster day. The committees would support the work in these areas and give neighbors a way to be involved and connect with other neighbors. An effort to recruit people to join committees will be made with announcements and signup sheets at the Annual Dinner and Meeting.

The possibility of dog waste stations had been discussed at the April 14 board meeting. The idea was tabled at this meeting when it was agreed that problems with doggie waste in our neighborhood are not significant enough to warrant the effort, expense and appearance of waste stations.

In the area of new business, the group discussed the highly inappropriate use of fireworks by a family in the homes association, something that has occurred in previous years as well. Many in the neighborhood have expressed anger and displeasure at the excessive amount of fireworks over many hours. Noise and safety were key concerns. Nina agreed to work on sending a letter to the family letting them know the use of fireworks was unacceptable in our homes association and that it must not happen again next year. Another letter in June of 2016 was also suggested, as was copying our city council members and John Trainor, our community police officer, on letters.

In closing, Nina reported that she had spoken with the homeowner on 57th Terrace who had been operating an airbnb. After numerous conversations with those who had concerns and with the owner explaining the concerns, the owner has stopped offering rooms through airbnb.

In addition to the Annual Dinner and Meeting on September 9, a board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah Fenley, Secretary