

Country Club District Homes
Association Annual Meeting and Dinner
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

A wonderful evening of cocktails, ample time for meeting old and new neighbors and a plentiful bbq dinner catered by BBs Lawnside BBQ kicked off our annual dinner meeting, held on Rooster Island on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The meeting was attended by 78 members and special guests, including Mayor Sly James and former mayor Dick Berkley, KCPD Major Diane Mozzicato, and speaker Butch Rigby, local entrepreneur and developer of Brookside East and his wife, Christy.

After the buffet dinner, the meeting opened with a welcome from our president, Nina Hollabaugh and a brief word from Mayor James, who talked about various city subjects, such as the highly successful street car and possible expansion. He stated that our rail system boasts the highest ridership of any light rail system in the country and that economic growth surrounding it has exploded and exceeded projections.

Nina then thanked everyone who had done so much for our homes association, specifically mentioning the Bill and Pat Pasek, Susie Luening, Cindy Irey and Laurie McLiney for their help with our fountain and islands. She also thanked our returning bartenders, Karyn and Andy Zaborny and new bartender, Michael Wilds, who concocted a special drink, the Country Club Smash, which was a big hit. She thanked Joanne Kane and her committee for planning the dinner meeting and also mentioned Major Diane Mozzicato for her work in our neighborhood and good neighbors, the Country Club Christian Church, our Dumpster Day hosts on Saturday, September 17th. Nina also thanked various board members for their contributions to the dinner meeting, landscaping and Dumpster Day committees. Nina referenced sign-up sheets for various committees and asked members to step forward and commit their time for 2017.

Next, Treasurer Don McFarland gave his report stating that our finances are in good shape and that cash in our account averages are on par for last year. He stated that our major expenses continue to maintenance of our 12 islands and the cost of the annual dinner. He then made a motion to keep our annual dues the same as last year. Vice President, Mary Edwards seconded the motion.

Board member Randy Irey gave an update on our landscaping, reporting all of the many new plantings and maintenance by members along with Heinen Landscaping Company. He also mentioned that we have added an island to maintain, at 57th and Ward Parkway, which has a small urn and plantings surrounding it. He then updated us on all of our islands, which have been beautifully planted. Updates as needed include the 59th and Belleview island, where old bushes around the urn were removed and 2

new beds were planted, along with 8 small boxwoods circling the urn. New bushes were also planted at 59th and Ward Parkway.

Mary Edwards then acknowledged and again thanked the two mayors who came and announced that the neighborhood communications newsletter will be taken over by Jenny Beerman. Mary urged everyone to update their emails with us for easy neighborhood updates and recommended Nextdoor app, a neighborhood blog to everyone to help stay abreast of neighborhood happenings. Mary was warmly thanked by all members for her many years of putting out our excellent newsletter. At this time, Nina asked for volunteers to do our email alert system, a future determination to be made. Members mentioned at this time that KC Studio publication featured our neighborhood and our speaker Butch Rigby and member Susie Schmelzer.

Board member Gary Seaton talked about Dumpster Day on Saturday and mentioned that new additions for our use are a Goodwill truck for donations, a salvage company to take junk away from your home and a special return bin for electronic waste.

Nina then announced that she and Mary Edwards will be rotating off the board after many years of service. She then made a motion to nominate Jenny Beerman and Bev Elving as new board members, along with returning board members Joanne Kane and Don McFarland for 2 year terms, expiring in the fall of 2018. Various members seconded the motion.

Major Diane Mozzicato gave a brief talk regarding the police department and the elimination of the Community Interaction Officer, which will now be all officers contacted in our district through a new non-emergency number of (816) 234-5111. She also mentioned 311 is also available for other non-emergency concerns. She also gave us the following email and phone contacts:

- KC police email: MPD-Community@kcpd.org
- Metro Station Front Desk: 816.581.0700
- General PD number: 816.234.5000

Member and new neighbor Mary Malabanan talked about a recent break in attempt and asked about additional police patrols for our neighborhood. Major Mozzicato said there are no resources for that at this time but said members can let police know when they are out of town and the police will add those specific areas to their patrols during that time. Nina and our members thanked her for her services, along with the police department.

Nina then asked members for any new business items or neighborhood concerns, of which there were none.

Nina then introduced our guest speaker, Butch Rigby, who is developing 63rd Street, east of Oak Street and is called Brookside East. In the past this area was filled with medical offices, drug rehabilitation centers, along with lots of vacancies. Now it has been reimagined with Heirloom Bakery, condos are being built next door, Astor Place,

and Brookside Gardens (which has hosted over 100 weddings) now border the space. Other new merchants include the Unbakery and Juicery, Golden Pine, Pure Pilates, BKS Nano Brewery, Ultimate Wellness Center, Farmdog Studios, and many more new businesses. He mentioned that this area has now become a thriving part of our neighborhood. He concluded his talk with plans for the future to include a revitalization of the 63rd and Troost area with the idea to keep existing businesses and help them grow instead of neighborhood gentrification.

Nina then thanked our speaker and gave worthy recipients mentioned above, along with our speaker, gift basket centerpieces that featured BBs products and bbq utensils. She thanked everyone for their attendance and concluded the meeting.

Joanne Kane, Secretary