

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the July 19th, 2007 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at The Mixx. Present were Kirby Upjohn, Lindsay Wood, Susan Hard, Ann Nixon, Gary Whitmer and Ann Schleihs. Also in attendance were neighbors/block representatives Julie Tomasic and Joan and Kirk Gastinger. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

TREASURER'S REPORT - Kirby

- A startling number of 48 homeowners are delinquent in their annual dues. Amounts for some homeowners are in the hundreds of dollars. The total due to the neighborhood association is \$7,200.
- If the amount overdue is more than \$100 for any particular household, a lien will be filed.

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC - Saturday, September 15

- Plans are underway for the annual picnic. Board members are aware of their responsibilities, including soliciting items for the silent auction. Chuck will again be our key organizer for the event.
- Kirby has already taken care of the picnic permit. She will also send the picnic invitations next month.
- Typically a special letter is sent to the new neighbors inviting them to meet folks at the picnic and enjoy a free dinner, compliments of the board.

DUMPSTER DAY - Kirby

- The tentative date for the dumpsters is Saturday, September 1st. When that date is confirmed, a postcard will be sent to neighbors notifying them of this service.
- Two dumpsters will be parked near the fountains. One for yard waste and the other for trash. \$50 each dumpster.
- It must be noted that Kirby, after following specific regulations stated on the city's website, had spent several hours at City Hall trying to get the appropriate paperwork done to request having the dumpsters delivered. Hat's off to Kirby for her diligence and patience!
- From a previous meeting, it was suggested that IDs be required to prove residency. Dumpsters can fill up fast.
- Board members and volunteer neighbors will oversee the event, from 8am - noon.

SECURITY ISSUES - Lindsay

- Private patrol of the neighborhood may begin as soon as next week! After much research and negotiation, WSC Services appears to be a very good solution to increased security. A huge thanks to Lindsay for following through

on this urgent issue. The neighborhood looks forward to peace of mind with a safer neighborhood.

- The cost will be \$75 every six months or \$150/year. Lindsay has drafted a letter to the neighbors stating the need, intent and cost of this service.
- The board will be reevaluated in a few months to determine the effectiveness of the service.
- Patrol hours will total 20 hours/week. However the times will intentionally be randomized.
- The patrol personnel will drive marked WSC vehicles. Also, they have access to the police alert system.
- Neighbors are still asked to be on the lookout, be aware of anything suspicious, lock doors, and call 911.
- Julie brought to the attention of the board a recent rash of crimes. An organized group steals vehicles and/or car keys, then days later invades the vehicle owner's home. Kirby is willing to have a letter sent out to all of HACCD notifying all the homeowners of this crime pattern.

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

- The board unanimously voted not to include advertising in the directory. Gathering ads will slow the process of getting the directory published.
- Lindsay's letter will include a form to send in. Or info can be emailed to WestwoodParkHOA@kc.rr.com.
- Kirby estimates the cost to publish a directory will be \$800-\$1,000.

NEWSLETTER AND MAILERS

- Notices to neighbors: dumpster day postcard, security and neighborhood directory letter, and picnic invitation.
- Due to the three announcements being sent, the next newsletter will be postponed until winter.
- If enough WPHA vehicle stickers are available, they may be included in Lindsay's letter.

SPEED BUMPS AND TRAFFIC CALMERS

- Gary has volunteered to be chair the traffic calming efforts. Gary, Susan H. and Kirk will meet and discuss how signatures can most efficiently be collected.

ISLAND MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION - Ann N.

- The sprinklers on the fountain island were repaired. The new benches look nice.
- One new stone marker and three signs will be installed this summer.

SUSAN HARD'S RESIGNATION

- The board will miss seeing Susan at the monthly board meetings. However, Susan mentioned that she is very willing to continue the beautification efforts and other volunteer opportunities.

- The board would like to thank Susan for her excellent work in publishing the newsletter. Also, the board appreciates her dedication and involvement on so many levels. Thanks, Susan!

PROBLEM PROPERTIES

- The first step regarding a problem property is to have a letter sent by HACCD.
- It would be ideal to have a centralized system to keep track of the complains and progress of each situation. Lindsay is willing to compile the information, especially if it can be in digital/email form.
- Lindsay is willing to do a follow-up letter to the neighbors that have not made improvements in response to HACCD's letter.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- Board meetings will resume to being held at homes of the board members. As a result, the board meeting will be attended by primarily the board members. Minutes will be sent to the board. Neighbors interested in viewing the minutes can find them on online at HACCD.org. Urgent information will still be sent in a timely manner to Block Captains.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly Board Meeting is Thursday, August 16th, 6:30pm at the home of Ann Nixon.
- Future meeting dates: September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13 or 20, January 10, February 21, March 13, April Annual Meeting - TBD. Meetings will generally be on the second Thursday of the month.