

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the August 14th, 2008 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at The Mixx. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Laurie Keefer, Nina Kim and Ann Schleih. Minutes: Ann Schleih.

** Due to lack of attendance, another board meeting has been set for Wednesday, August 27th 6:30pm at the Mixx. ** Barbecue plans need to be further discussed, such as volunteers, responsibilities, auction items, etc.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

BOARD CHANGES

- Aryn Roth is our new board president, replacing Lindsay Wood. This was Aryn's first official meeting as president!
- Also, new to the board is Nina Kim. The board would like to give Kim a big welcome and thanks for joining!

DUMPSTER DAY - Saturday, September 16th

- The two dumpsters that Kirby reserved will be parked near the fountain. Volunteers are needed to watch over both dumpsters. Volunteers can work in shifts between 8:00am and noon.

SECURITY TRAINING / NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS - Ann S.

- The board is invited to attend Thursday, October 9th training at East Patrol Division, 6:30-8:30pm. At least three people--could include neighbors, spouses--are needed to attend. Please mark the date on your calendar to attend this training so we can be eligible for the free crime watch signs.
- Remember to visit www.crimereports.com for a Google map interface of up to date crime reports in KCMO.
- The board felt that there should be some acknowledgment for the neighbors who have paid the security dues. Perhaps it is listed in the next newsletter with their amount paid so far. If a homeowner's name is not listed, that can be a possible way to pressure those to pay. Lindsay's president's letter in the last newsletter was terrific. Just curious what impact it had with people paying.
- It was recommended that paying for security should be an option at the barbecue.

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK - Postponed until next year

- After serious consideration and uncertain planning, the board decided to postpone the movie until next year.
- Aryn called the city about the park permit protocol. To use the whole park a permit is needed. Shelters, however are on a first come first serve basis with no permit.

NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE - Saturday, September 13th - Chuck & Kirby

- Board members are asked to begin collecting donations from neighborhood businesses for the silent auction. The auctions items are what help offset the cost of hosting the neighborhood event.
- Kirby has taken care of the permit to have the road blocked off. Chuck has the rentals under control--tent, tables, chairs, and a portable bathroom.
- Kirby's mailer invitation that will be sent to the neighbors looks great. Setup at 5:00pm, social begins at 5:30pm, food served at 6:30pm, silent auction closes at 8:00pm.
- Kirby has made plans with Backyard Barbecue. Veggie burgers available. Cost is \$15 for Adults, \$6 children.
- Ann S. will be out of town and unable to attend. Volunteers are needed to keep track of who paid, manage name tags, oversee silent auction and collect the money from the silent auction.
- Needed will be a stereo, music CDs, microphone and someone to emcee. An outlet is available on the island electrical box.
- Gary has the kid's games and toys from last year.

NEWSLETTER - Aryn

- Thanks to Aryn for doing a really great job with the newsletter! The next newsletter date is undetermined.

PARK PROGRESS & ISLANDS - Aryn

- Aryn has been informed by Jimmi Lossing from the parks department that the start date for the Westwood Park renovation is expected to begin mid October.
- Aryn has the liability certificate for the fountain.

NEW BUSINESS

- Complaints have surfaced again about the parking on both sides of Bell Street, between 49th and 50th Streets. Emergency vehicles and trash collectors cannot maneuver the narrow street filled with cars. Technically, vehicles should park on the side opposite the fire hydrant. However, at times there are too many cars to park on only one side. The board is not sure if this is a city ordinance issue, how it should be addressed. Or if anything can be done.
- A neighbor inquired about having a fall yard sale event like the one in early summer. The board felt it would be a great idea. It may not be a priority issue for this year, but a two time yard sale is something to strongly consider for next year.
- Aryn is struggling with the issue of getting timely information out to the neighbors. Her neighborhood email list from Lindsay did not work. She will look into possibly having HACCD send out the emails for important news and announcements.

ISSUES

- Complaints about an unruly rental tenant are coming from a Liberty Street resident. Neighbors have had no success contacting the Kansas City Police or WSC. Parties have occurred nearly every night since early July.

- No progress has been visible on the Ward Parkway residence for some time. Neighbors are concerned.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Dumpster Day - Saturday, August 16th. 8:00am-12:00pm.
- Environmental Community Forum - Tuesday, August 19th, 6:00pm at UMKC, University Center room 106. Aryn will be attending and strongly encourages other to join her. She knows the two women who are hosting.
- The first annual KC Green Fest - August 23 -24 at the Uptown theater and shops. Learn how to be more green!
- Neighborhood Barbecue - Saturday, September 13th. 5:00pm set-up, 5:30pm social/firetruck/kids activities, 6:30pm food served, 8:00pm silent auction ends.
- Security training on Thursday, October 9th at East Patrol Division, 6:30-8:30pm. Need minimum of three people.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th - 6:30pm at The Mixx.
- Look for an email confirmation regarding future meeting dates: September 11?, October 9, November 13, December 18. Meeting time is 6:30pm. Location is at The Mixx unless a board member offers to host. Meetings will typically be on the second or third Wednesday or Thursday of the month, but are subject to change or cancellation.

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