

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the September 17th, 2008 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Matthew Stevens, Lorrie Keefer, Nina Kim, Ann Nixon, Carl Mahoney, and Ann Schleih. Minutes: Ann Schleih.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

BARBECUE DUTIES - Saturday, October 4th

- All board members are asked to review the following list of responsibilities for the event:

- Kirby - Permit, Backyard Barbecue, bid sheets, pencils & markers, name tags, stapler, cash box, reservation list, confirm head count with caterer, manage auction items, wine basket, cooler, votive candles, dispose of trash.
- Chuck - Possibly out of town. Accent Rentals (tent tables, chairs, portable restroom), setup, wine.
- Ann N. - Auction items, wine, favorite music CD.
- Aryn - Scheduled to be out of town. Wine and auction items.
- Gary - Children's games and activities (prizes, chalk), set-up tables & chairs, staple gun, clean-up, trash bags.
- Carl - Soft drinks, ice, cooler, Costco desserts (e.g. cookies, brownies), set-up tables & chairs, auction items.
- Ann S. - Check-in (collect money for dinner and auction items), name tags, wine, boom box, favorite music CDs. Firetruck has been reserved.
- Lorrie - Wine and auction items.
- Matthew - Wine and auction items. Emcee announcements and auction items.
- Karen - Need to know if you will be attending? Wine and auction items.
- Nina - Wine and auction items.
- Everyone:
 - Items and gift certificates are needed for the silent auction. Solicit local business for some donations. A form is not necessary, but let donors know their business will be mentioned in the next neighborhood newsletter.
 - All board members are asked to provide a favorite wine that will be included in the traditional all-board wine baskets for the silent auction.
 - Set-up at 4:45pm, social begins at 5:30pm, food served at 6:30pm, silent auction closes at 8:00pm. For table and tent set-up, arrive early. All board members are asked to help with clean-up.
 - Thanks to Kirby for sending the announcement invitation to neighbors.

4820 LIBERTY STREET UPDATE

- It appears that issues with the problem neighbor have settled down. The landlord returned from out-of-state and met with the renter. There was some admitting that the house was the setting for drug dealing. The renter is apparently moving within the next couple of months.

- Our board president received a call from a neighbor who was upset regarding information that was posted in last month's online minutes about the Liberty Street issue. The board upholds the accuracy of the minutes.

SECURITY TRAINING / NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS - NEXT BOARD GATHERING

- The board is requested to attend a training at East Patrol Division on Thursday, October 9th, 6:30-8:30pm. A minimum of three people are needed to attend. Please attend this training so the neighborhood can be eligible for the free crime watch signs. This training will be in lieu of an October board meeting.

THE FUTURE OF SECURITY

- The board felt it may be difficult to convince neighbors to continue paying the biannual security bill. With fewer than half the neighbors currently paying and the real threat of funds dwindling, there will be a need for some cost effective alternatives to raising security awareness. The board is looking forward to what information will be shared at the training on October 9th.

- It is imperative that neighbors be on the alert and look out for each other. Here is a short list of options mentioned that can help keep the neighborhood alert: keep bushes trimmed, outdoor security lights, a late night dog-walking group, have a neighbor pick up newspaper, timer lights, etc. Ignoring safety points for your home and yard can make it a safety hazard for other neighbors.

- It was mentioned that perhaps future newsletters could feature some brief stories written about random acts of "neighborly kindness". Ann N. mentioned how she and her neighbor closely look out for each other, simple things such as noticing that something may be wrong if the newspaper is still in the yard. There could be a solicitation for stories that spotlight special neighbors. Consistently looking out for each other can be the best security option, which is priceless.

ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION - Ann N.

- Neighbor and professional landscaper, Steve Drake, will begin doing the planting and care of the island flowers. Ann N. talked with Steve who was very willing to undertake this beautification project for the neighborhood.

PEMBROKE PARKING PROBLEM

- Nina and some of her neighbors experience street parking problems when Pembroke is hosting major events. She, along with her neighbors, may create a task force and meet with Pembroke to help resolve the issue. It was recommended that she contact the headmaster. Ideally, parking should only be allowed on one side of the street.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION

- Nina will explore what can be done to create a reliable distribution list to the entire neighborhood. Having a working email list is necessary so that if critical information needs to be shared, the news can then be spread very

quickly. The emails would contain only important information such as security or announcing special neighborhood events such as the barbecue.

5050 WARD PARKWAY PROPERTY

- Carl is willing to research background information for the Ward Parkway property. No progress has occurred for nearly a year.

FUTURE EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Neighborhood Barbecue - Saturday, October 4th. 4:45pm 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.

NEXT MEETING

- Next gathering is the Security Training session on October 9th. No regular October board meeting scheduled. Please attend training.
- Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for mid-November, date TBD - 6:30pm at Aryn's house.
- The new location will continue to be Aryn's home, a wonderful and inviting meeting place! Thanks to Aryn and Richard for sharing their home. Look for an email confirmation regarding future meeting dates. Meetings are subject to change or cancellation.