

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the June 14th, 2007 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at The Mixx. Present were Kirby Upjohn, Ann Nixon, Lindsay Wood, Susan Hard and Ann Schleihs. Also in attendance were block representatives Gary Whitmer, Julie Tomasic and Karen Weneck.

Minutes:

Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

TREASURER'S REPORT - Kirby

- Expenses last month totaled around \$1,200. Included in that amount were island maintenance, repairs, utilities, newsletter, administrative fees, postage, etc.

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC - Saturday, September 15

- The suggestion was made to have Backyard Burgers cater the event. [www.backyardburgers.com](http://www.backyardburgers.com). Sandwiches include burgers, chicken breasts and hot dogs. Tea, soft drinks, sides, condiments and utensils are included in the reasonable price of around \$8.

- Rentals: table, chairs and a port-a-potty. Weather permitting, possibly a tent.

- Entertainment: music, balloon guy and some outdoor toys and games for the kids, such as hula hoops and beach balls. Ann S. will contact the fire department to arrange for the traditional visit from our local fire station.

- Lindsay's son will have a lemonade stand. All proceeds will go to charity.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP - date TBD

- The board would like to move forward on having a dumpster day. A date has not been decided, however, three weeks advance notice is needed for the city to deliver the truck on the designated date.

- The dumpster would be for trash only, not yard waste. Cost is \$50.

Dumpster would be parked on the West side of the Fountain.

- Board and neighbor volunteers are needed to oversee the dumpster from 8am - noon.

- A postcard will be sent to neighbors announcing the information. It was suggested that IDs be required to prove residency in our homes association.

SECURITY ISSUES "This ain't Mayberry, folks!" - Lindsay

- The board is ready to take action regarding the numerous incidents of crime. Due to the extremely complicated politics of Metro vs. Central police patrol, having KCPD's cooperation is not going to happen. As a result, Lindsay has negotiated some pricing breakdowns with WSC Services--\$18/hr for 20 hrs/week. That's \$18,720 per year. With 100% participation it would cost

\$75 per household. With 50% participation, it would be \$150.

- Julie will contact KCPD to do a reference check of the company.
- Pending approval, it was suggested the neighborhood do a 90 day trial. Billing would be semi-annual. If all goes as planned, security patrol could happen as early as next month.
- Lindsay intends to send a letter regarding the security plans. Neighbors would be invited to a meeting with the security company, likely to be held at Pembroke .
- Neighbors are still asked to be on the lookout, be aware of anything suspicious, lock doors, and call 911.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

- Lindsay has a deadline of Labor Day to get the new directory completed.
- Included in Lindsay's letter will be a form that people can either send or email. Neighbors can email their contact information to: [WestwoodParkHOA@kc.rr.com](mailto:WestwoodParkHOA@kc.rr.com).
- Advertising would help defray the cost of publishing the newsletter. HACCD can print, however, the board needs to collect phone numbers and email addresses.

#### NEWSLETTER AND MAILERS

- Notices to neighbors: dumpster day postcard, security/neighborhood directory letter.
- Next newsletter will be delivered in August to announce the September annual neighborhood picnic. Gary may do the fall newsletter with the assistance of other board members. Thanks, Gary!

#### SPEED BUMPS AND TRAFFIC CALMERS

- Signatures are currently being collected from the neighbors on 50th Street and Westwood Road, the two streets that would benefit most from having speed bumps. 75% of the neighbors need to sign the petition. Once those are gathered and submitted, the city can take the initial step of doing a study to determine the best alternatives to calm traffic. This process is very slow.
- Susan is chairing the group that is moving forward with this neighborhood request.

#### ISLAND MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION - Ann N.

- Two new metal benches were installed. They have a ten year warranty.
- There was another fountain leak, which will be repaired soon.
- Last stone marker to be installed at 49th and Mercier.
- It was suggested that the donor's plaque finally be created. When the fountain was built, several neighbors contributed \$300 towards the construction and were promised to have their names inscribed on a plaque.

#### OTHER AND NEW BUSINESS

- The annual neighborhood yard sale was very successful. Plenty of shoppers and sunshine.
- Lindsay announced that with his new leadership, he expects to get projects done in a timely manner. Way to go, Prez!

**NEXT MEETING**

- Next monthly Board Meeting is Thursday, July 12th, 6:30pm at the Mixx.
- Future meeting dates: August 9, 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.

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**WESTWOOD HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD**

**DUTIES**

- President - Lindsay Wood
- Vice President - Susan Hard
- Secretary - Ann Schleih
- Treasurer - Kirby Upjohn
- Islands - Ann Nixon, Susan Hard
- Special Events - Chuck Stewart
- Security - Ann Schleih / Lindsay Wood
- Capital Improvements - Ann Nixon
- Newsletter - Gary Whitmer / Karen Weneck Directory - Open

**TERM DATES**

- (10 people max. - 3 year terms)
- Ann Nixon-----2008
- Ann Schleih-----2008
- Chuck Stewart-----2009
- Gary Whitmer-----2009
- Karen Weneck-----2009
- Kirby Upjohn-----2010
- Lindsay Wood-----2010
- Susan Hard-----2010

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