# WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION Minutes of the August 16th, 2007 Board Meeting

## **Board Members Present**

The board meeting took place at The Mixx. Present were Kirby Upjohn, Lindsay Wood, Ann Nixon, Gary Whitmer, Karen Weneck and Ann Schleihs. Minutes:

Ann Schleihs.

#### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

# TREASURER'S REPORT - Kirby

- About \$2K was spent last month. Included in that total are mowing, repairs, cleaning, new lights and sprinklers for the islands.

# ANNUAL FALL PICNIC - Saturday, September 15th

- Plans are underway for the annual picnic. Board members responsibilities are as follows:

Event emcee - Lindsay

Auction - set up, bid sheets, collection & delivery - Karen and Ann N.

Welcome table - Ann S.

Set up - tables, staple gun, candles, citronella - Ann S. and Gary

Soft drinks/ice - Kirby

Dessert/dessert servers - Kirby/Karen

Coolers - Ann S. and Kirby

Toys for kids - Gary

Payments to caterer, band - Ann S. and Kirby

Clean-up - everyone

- Several local business were suggested for silent auction items.
- All board members are asked to contribute a favorite wine to the board wine basket that will be up for auction.
- Chuck will contact the rental places for a tent, chairs, tables and a port-a potty. He is waiting to hear from the musician for a confirmation.
- The owner of WSC, the new security company the homes association has hired, has been invited to the picnic.
- A table for speedbump signatures, directory information and car stickers will be set up in addition to the welcome table.
- Ann S. has submitted an online request for a firetruck. Still waiting for a confirmation.
- Kirby will have Backyard Burgers cater the event. Joan G. suggested having some vegetarian friendly options. Boca Burgers will be served.
- The board agreed to have BYOB on the invite.
- Kirby will send an invitation to neighbors announcing the neighborhood picnic.
- New neighbors can enjoy the event free. A special name tag will be made for them.
- Neighborhood kids, referred to as F.L.O.W.S., will help at the event.

# DUMPSTER DAY - Saturday, September 1st

- Kirby has sent a postcard to neighbors notifying them of this service.
- Two dumpsters will be parked near the fountains. One for yard waste and the other for trash.
- Gary, Ann S., and possibly Karen's husband Steve will take the 8:00-10:00am shift. Kirby and Ann N. have the 10:00-12:00 shift. A couple people are needed after noon when the dumpsters get picked up. Lindsay will be present the entire time to oversee the event. Other volunteers are welcome.
- It was mentioned that the packing of trash in the dumpsters needs to be done carefully to maximize space.
- Dumpers should show evidence that they live in the neighborhood.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY - Lindsay**

- WSC has been patrolling the neighborhood for several weeks. Neighbors are aware of the marked vehicles. The drivers are Class A security guards that patrol a random twenty hours per week.
- No one present knew of any recently reported crime.
- The board will reconsider billing amounts after a year of service.

## NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY - Kirby and Lindsay

- Lindsay's recent letter included a form to send to HACCD. Info can be emailed to WestwoodParkHOA@kc.rr.com.
- About 100 neighbors responded. Over a couple hundred more to go.
- Neighbor's info will also be collected at dumpster day and the picnic.

## SPEEDBUMPS AND TRAFFIC CALMERS - Gary

- Signatures will be collected at the picnic and dumpster day.
- The signature sheets should already have neighbors and house numbers listed corresponding to the street that is requesting speedbumps. Neighbors will sign next to their name. A much easier way to keep track of signatures.

## PROBLEM PROPERTIES

- Two additional problem properties are now being looked into. 5050 Ward Parkway and 1220 W. 51st Street.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Gary raised the issue about city services regarding neighborhood preservation that have been deteriorating. The board was in favor of focusing on the city's accountability for these basic services.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Next monthly Board Meeting is Thursday, September 13th at The Mixx.
- No one is assigned to host any of the future board meetings. If anyone is interested, let Ann S. know prior to when email announcements are sent.

- Future meeting dates: 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.