

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the May 14th, 2009 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Carl Mahoney, Ann Nixon, Kirby Upjohn, Nina Kim, Lorrie Kueffer, Bob Pfeiffer, Theresa Larson and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

SECURITY

Lately the crime has been minimal in the neighborhood. There have been a few incidents of theft and break-ins. There have also been several solicitors despite neighbors posting the 'no soliciting' sign that Bob included in the newsletter. Ann Nixon had a solicitor that claimed to live in the neighborhood, just down the street from her. Of course she proved him wrong.

OPTION #1

- Kim Meader, Sr. VP of Operations at Chelsey Brown, presented security information about the company, their presence in the Kansas City area, national accounts, managing procedures, what to expect of their services, and their reputation. A packet of information was provided with a monthly quote of over \$2K. The quote was higher than what the homes association was paying WSC.

OPTION #2

- Off-duty KCMO police officers are available for hire according to Officer James Schriever, the Community Interaction Officer at Central Patrol Division. Police officers range between \$25-29 per hour. (\$25 x 20 hours = \$500/week.)

OPTION #3

Volunteer mobile neighborhood watch. Depending on the number of neighborhood volunteers, 2 people would drive through the neighborhood during specific hours, calling 911 if any unusual or suspicious activity is spotted. A cost effective option. May be difficult to properly organize. Still a good idea.

OPTION #4

Relying on good neighbors and being a good neighbor. Be aware of activity, look out for each other. Be responsible by keeping lights on, avoid leaving valuables in vehicle, keep doors locked, etc. Also, the Block Reps are an important component in keeping neighbors informed with current events as well as keeping the communication open with emails and a phone tree. Option #4 appears to be what the board feels is most cost effect at this point.

WPHA WEBSITE! - Nina

- Nina has created a website specifically for Westwood Park Homes Association that will post events, issues and news. Nina's project was presented to the board with a highly favorable response. Nina wanted to get the board's approval before going live with www.ourwestwoodpark.com. The annual cost is \$50.

- Included on the website: board members contact info, block captains and neighborhood chart, maps, special events, event pics, security issues, crimereports.com, board meeting minutes, home of the month, homes for sale, subscribe for mailing list, links and so much more!

NEWSLETTER

- Bob Pfeiffer did a great job with the April Newsletter! Plenty of great information packed into the pages.
- Next newsletter: more security information, announce new website, event dates, pics, etc.
- Please send Bob Pfeiffer (pfeidough@att.net) any articles or information that can be used in the newsletter.

MORE SECURITY

- Bob has several business contacts that can possibly provide information for security systems and maintenance at a affordable price.
- The city has started to post crime watch signs, but not finished.

PROBLEM PROPERTIES - Carl

- Work appears to be at a standstill at 5050 Ward Parkway property. Carl may inquire about the lack of progress.

YARD SALE - Saturday June 6th

- The Neighborhood Yard Sale is Saturday, June 6, 9:00am - 3:00pm.
- Kirby will posts ads in the local newspapers and have a postcard sent announcing the date.
- The Yard Sale sign can be posted at the fountain the week prior.
- Some people may inquire about convenient charity pickup after 3:00pm that day.

NEW BUSINESS

- Decide on summer date for Dumpster Day.
- KCPL would install additional pole lights where needed such as dark areas for a minimal fee.
- Aryn is asking if there is any interest in adopting Westwood Park 'Park' with other neighborhood groups such as West Plaza or the Kansas side. Aryn suggests that we may be able to accomplish more independently rather than relying on the budget-streched city.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting will be mid-June. Date TBD.