

# WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the June 17th, 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, Nina Kim, Lorrie Kueffer, Theresa Larson and Ann Schleih. Minutes: Ann Schleih.

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

### HACK - A New Name

- HACCD is now HAKC. Here is the new contact information, website and location at Prairie Village Shopping Center.  
Homes Associations of Kansas City  
4200 Somerset - Suite 216  
Prairie Village, Kansas 66208  
913-385-2440 office, 913-385-2441 FAX  
www.ha-kc.org

### SECURITY

- The board has continued to receive inquiries about security in the neighborhood. Despite increased patrolling from mounted police and beat cops, there continues to be incidents of car break-ins. No street can be patrolled 24/7 considering how fast the criminals work. Neighbors are encouraged to be on the alert and avoid leaving valuables in their vehicles.
- The board is considering ways of having an open communication forum with the neighbors. It could possibly be a meeting later this year discussing the security topic and inviting guest speakers. Vern Wilson, crime chairman of HAKC Board of Directors and also a police officer for 40 years, meets with homes associations to discuss safety issues.
- Carl had a great idea of sending out an email to neighbors on Survey Monkey. There could be a few questions regarding the security issues. This way the board would have a better understanding if neighbors could attend an informational meeting, would be willing to pay for a security service, and other thoughts on the issue. Carl will craft a survey and send a first draft to the board. Nina has a distribution list for the neighbors that can be used to send out the survey.
- The city has started to post crime watch signs, but not finished.
- Neighbors are asked to display their no soliciting sign and encourage neighbors to do the same.

### DUMPSTER DAY - Tentative Date Saturday, August 15th

- The board decided on Saturday, August 15th as dumpster day. The date is tentative until confirmed with the city.
- Hours are 8:00am - Noon with at least two people overseeing each dumpster. Through Nina's email distribution, the board will announce and request people to help. A postcard will be sent as well announcing the date.
- The cost is \$100 for the two dumpsters. Aryn will contact the city.
- Good suggestion by Lorrie that neighbors could update their emails and contact information at that event as well.

### FALL PICNIC - Saturday October 3rd

- The Neighborhood picnic will again follow the weekend after the Plaza Art Fair. Saturday, October 3rd was chosen for the big event. A few catering ideas were suggested such as Blanc + Bottles, The Mixx, Chackos, Oklahoma Joes, etc. Heads up on responsibilities. We'll discuss more in detail at the next meeting.
- Theresa is willing to head up the silent auction responsibilities. All board members can ask local businesses to donate gift certificates and items. Teresa may have some good tips on how to go about this.
- Kirby - send out invite, cash box, wine basket.
- Carl - Soft drinks, ice, cooler, Costco desserts.
- Ann S. - Check-in, name tags, boom box.
- All board members are asked to provide a favorite wine for the traditional all board wine baskets.
- Need someone for children's activities. Maybe Gary can help again with this? Who can contact Accent Rentals? Who wants to emcee, find a caterer, get a permit, etc. Let's have the mounted horse police to visit.
- Setup at 5:00pm, social begins at 5:30pm, food served at 6:30pm, silent auction closes at 8:00pm.

### WWW.OURWESTWOODPARK.COM - Nina

- Visit [www.ourwestwoodpark.com](http://www.ourwestwoodpark.com) for neighborhood information. Nina has created a website specifically for Westwood Park Homes Association to post events, issues and news updates.

### NEWSLETTER - Bob

- Next newsletter: more security information, new website, HACK, event dates, pics, etc.
- Please send Bob Pfeiffer ([pfeidough@att.net](mailto:pfeidough@att.net)) any articles, information or images appropriate for the newsletter.

### GETTING NEWS OUT FAST

- There are currently two ways news can be quickly distributed to neighbors. First is through the block captains with Joan Gasting as the key person. Block captains then email their block neighbors. Second is Nina's neighborhood email distribution list. Both lists are different. For urgent notices, both distributions lists are used.

### ISLANDS & PARK

- New plastic picnic tables arrived at Westwood Park. They are made from recycled plastic.
- Ann N. reported that earlier in the month the fountain island was unfortunately vandalized. Flowers were tossed into the fountain and a few nightscape lighting fixtures were destroyed. Ann N. had Kevin clean out the fountain and Julio replace the lights.

### WESTWOOD PARK UPDATE

- Jim McDonald, a representative if PIAC was supposedly expected to attend the board meeting. He was to present the plans and schedules for construction of pathways, shelters and drinking fountain. Currently the city is taking bids and selecting contractors. Aryn was told construction could possible start in August or September.
- Steve Abbott is now head of the Park's Planning Department. He met with Jimmi Lossing to get the park update and move the process along. Aryn mentioned to Steve about the five light posts no longer functioning. The concrete walks will be 4" concrete. Steve also mentioned having Scott Overby, another landscaper, be involved.

### NEW BUSINESS

- David Park is the new acting director for the city's neighborhood and community services, which mows vacant properties, demolishes dangerous buildings, etc. Aryn shared information that the department is working hard despite cutbacks and using community based contractors when possible.

### NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting will be mid-July. Future date TBA.