WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the June 29th, 2010 Board Meeting

## Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Ann Nixon, Kirby Upjohn, Teresa Larson, Lorrie Kueffer and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

# PARK LANDSCAPING & NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION - Ann N.

- The park sign and surroundings have a whole new look thanks to Ann Nixon and Julio. The improvements involved new landscaping, a fresh coat of black paint on the sign and trimming numerous trees. Julio unexpectedly hit bedrock and had to rent a machine to break up the stone. Future plans for additional plantings will happen later this year and next year.
- There are two dead trees along the East side of the park. Ann N. has contacted the city requesting their removal.
- Julio's yearly maintenance will be mulching and trimming.
- Kevin did some recent maintenance on the island fountain cleaning out the system. One of the flowers needs to be replaced. The island looks lovely again this summer.

# PARK UPDATE - Aryn

- Aryn filed online for a GO grant/PIAC money that would be used for new light fixtures.
- There are many parties in the park each weekend. It would be great to have regular trash collection to avoid trash overflowing and blowing around.

# RECENT EVENTS UPDATES

- The yard sale in conjunction with our West Plaza neighbors went well.
- Weather for dumpster day was unfavorable but it didn't deter neighbors from filling the bins. A huge thanks to Richard for manning the dumpster in the rain.
- The Free-for-All at Swinney was a success. A good turnout contributed to lots of donated items finding new homes.

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

- The next newsletter will be in August, prior to the neighborhood picnic.
- Julie, our newsletter editor, will include:
- list of board members and contact info <a href="www.ka-kc.org">www.ka-kc.org</a> website and Facebook page
- publishers office location: Westwood Park Homes Association, Suite 216, 4200 Somerset Drive, Prairie Village, KS 66208
- name of editor: Julie and key contact person: Teresa.
- Additional topics:

security, greenspace, park updates, home of the month, historical topics, interview local neighborhood business owners and possibly a "meet your neighbor section".

- Joan Gastinger would like to have the block captains listed with contact info. A block captain map should be included.
- The board really would someday like to have a "Good Taste in Westwood Park" article that would feature local restaurant owners and chefs that live in Westwood Park neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC -Saturday, September 11th

- Kirby will send out the annual picnic invitation and take care of the street closing permit.
- Everyone agreed Spin Pizza would be great again. 5:30 social, 6:30 pizza dinner, 7:30 silent auction closes. \$15 adults and \$10 children 5-12. Children under 5 are free.
- Board members and neighbors can begin collecting silent auction times. Most will be from local business. Teresa is willing to create a master list of the business that can be asked to contribute for the auction.
- Bridging the Gap is willing to supply recycle trash bins for the event.
- Responsibilities:

Aryn - accent rental, invite mounted police, wine bottle

Kirby - invite, street closing permit, wine basket, wine bottle, trash bags and bins, money box, markers, name tags, votive candles, table cloths, auction bid sheets, pens, staple gun, reservation list, confirm headcount with Ann N for pizza order

Ann N. - spin pizza catering, check with Gary about kids activities, ask Spin if providing utensils/napkins, wine bottle

Teresa - solicit for auction items, master list of businesses, wine bottle, monitor and emcee silent auction

Ann S. - big cooler, small table, boom box, music, wine bottle, greeter, collect money at event

Lorrie - Costco run with Nina: dessert (brownies, cookies), drinks (bottled water, diet coke, coke, 7up, two cases of beer), ice

Nina - Costco run with Lorrie

Carl - dispose of trash, wine bottle

Matthew - wine bottle

Todd - wine bottle

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Westwood Road has a gravel dip that is dangerous for vehicles going the normal speed limit. There are not any signs indicating construction. It was suggested to call 311 action line or email the complaint.
- Joe Montanari, West Plaza's president, is hiring police for the 4th of July. He is wondering if we would like to participate.
- Teresa may research what is involved for hosting a "Movie in the Park" in Westwood Park. The event could be planned with West Plaza.
- Deadline for updating contact information in the new directory is this week. Info can be emailed to Jamie Marlay at jmarlay@ha-kc.org.

# **NEXT MEETING**

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