

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the February 18th, 2009 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Kirby Upjohn, Nina Kim, Matthew Stevens, Ann Nixon and Ann Schleih. Minutes: Ann Schleih.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

WPHA ANNUAL MEETING - Wednesday, April 1st

- Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Westwood Park annual homeowners meeting. The gathering will again be at Pembroke Hill on Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00pm. Desserts will be provided, compliments of Pembroke.
- Topics for discussion: crime, discontinued security patrol, email distribution list, island beautification, problem properties, parking, voting in new board members, and any new business.
- Announcements for the annual meeting need to be sent by March 1st, 30 days prior to the meeting date.
- Consider who would be a good candidate to be on the board. Two positions will be open. The board could use neighbors who have an interest in helping with a variety of needs--beautification projects, event planning, announcements, etc.
- The next newsletter will be delivered after the annual meeting.

PROBLEM PROPERTIES

- The problem property at 5050 Ward Parkway is listed on the market. There appears to be code violations in the construction.
- Issues surround the homeowner on West 51st Street who is building a fence for dogs.
- If a homeowner is not compliant with general upkeep, the Action Center can be called regarding any code violations or neglected property. It may take followup calls to see the request be addressed.
- The board is interested in finding someone willing to take on these problem properties.

STREET SIGNS

- No parking signs have been posted on Bell Street, between 49th and 50th. Parking is allowed on the side of the street opposite of the fire hydrants.
- Thanks to Joan Gastinger for spearheading the project.

SECURITY ISSUES - Aryn

- No Soliciting signs were sent to neighbors. The signs were attached to a letter. A solicitor can be arrested in violation of KCMO City Ordinance Sec. 50-8.5 even if they are unaware that a sign is posted.
- There have been a couple incidents of break-ins in the neighborhood. Visit crimereports.com for specific locations and brief explanation of crime.
- The neighborhood is on the waiting list to receive crime watch signs.

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

- It would be good to ressurect the block captain assignments again to help keep the neighborhood be better connected. Aryn is interested in talking to Joan Gastinger about the block captain project from previous years.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION - Nina

- Nina will continue to explore what can be done to create a reliable email distribution list to the entire neighborhood. She has been in contact with the folks at HACCD to explore a mailing that would protect the recipients privacy and not expose email addresses.

NEW BUSINESS

- The neighborhood has several pods and dumpsters. The board is curious if the pods have the same time limit as the dumpsters regarding how long they can be parked on the street.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th - 6:30pm at Aryn's house. Look for an email confirmation regarding future meeting dates. Meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

- WPHA Annual Meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 7:00pm at Pembroke cafeteria.
