

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES  
ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the February  
17th, 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 and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

FUTURE JOINT EVENTS WITH  
WEST PLAZA

- The joint neighborhood  
yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 8am-3pm. A "Free for All" could  
happen the following weekend, Saturday, June 12. The Free for All is an  
opportunity for neighbors to get rid of their unwanted items at a free giveaway  
open to anyone. Swinney will hopefully be the location of the event. It was  
suggested that Dumpster Day perhaps follow within a short time.
- West Plaza scheduled their  
neighborhood clean-up and picnic for Saturday, May 15, 7am - 3pm at the park.
- Another suggestion was  
Movies in the Park for neighbors and friends to enjoy on a nice summer evening.  
Movies can be arranged through KC Parks and Recreations. The movie would be free.  
Guests would bring a lawn chair and blanket to Westwood Park. Concessions can be  
sold to help pay for the event.
- The boards should touch  
base to confirm plans and perhaps set future event dates. Another joint meeting  
would be great.

FACEBOOK PAGES

- Two neighborhood Facebook  
pages have recently been created to inform social network users of local  
neighborhood activities. Board members, neighbors and friends are invited to  
become a fan and learn about current events.

- Westwood Park. This page is dedicated to the activities in and around the park. Suggested for anyone who works, lives or plays around the park on either side of the state line. Page includes "Dogs of Westwood Park", updates on the parks renovation project, sledding updates, pics, as well as other amusing posts to encourage people to get outdoors and play in the park and network with their neighbors. Ann Schleih is the administrator.

- West Plaza Neighborhood Association. This page posts information regarding the West Plaza neighborhood, meetings, local issues, articles, crime watch updates, and links to their home page and monthly newsletter. Excellent topical information for anyone in the surrounding neighborhoods as well. Matthew Nugent is the administrator.

#### PARK PROGRESS

- The concrete for the entire walkway has been poured. The plastic erosion fencing is still throughout the park.

- Aryn discovered that calls to the city's 311 Action Helpline never were delivered to Jimmi Lossing, who oversees the park renovation. Aryn supplied Jimmi with a record of the complaints such as a fallen light pole with exposed wire, gravel piles, and other hazards. Jimmi said she'd have a park progress report soon.

- The shelter at the Southwest corner is supposedly still in the plan as well as a water fountain.

#### SNOW REMOVAL

- Because of the recent winter storms, the board would like to have an emergency snow removal plan in place for any future storms that are a safety hazard to the neighborhood residents. Ann Nixon has been in discussion with Julio for a possible plan that could be cost effective.

- Parking on snow days would require residents to park on one side of the street, or ideally off street, to allow for better snow removal.

#### NEWSLETTER

- Ann N. will ask if Bob can possibly do the next newsletter.

- Aryn plans to contact Pembroke to schedule an April date for the Annual Meeting.

- Announcements for the Annual Meeting need to be sent 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting. In the meeting announcement, the board suggested including some newsletter info such as the yard sale and other timely neighborhood news. The newsletter can then be delivered in May with the Annual Meeting updates.

- Newsletter to include:  
Swinney School closing update, new neighbors, annual meeting minutes, home of the month, Facebook presence, park progress, etc.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Swinney School is on the list of schools to close for KCMO School District Right Sizing Plan. There will be a meeting with Superintendent John Covington and the School Board to discuss the plan. The meeting is 6:30-8:30pm Friday, February 19, at Foreign Language Academy, 3450 Warwick.

- Ann S. and Aryn are collecting signatures for the Puppy Mill Cruelty Act that will hopefully be on the November ballot. For anyone wanting to sign please find Ann S. or Aryn. To learn more visit Missouri for the Protection of Dogs online at [www.missourifordogs.com](http://www.missourifordogs.com). There will be a meeting for any interested volunteers on Saturday, February 20, 1-3pm at UMKC, Bloch School, 5110 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO in the Mag Conference Room.

- An insurance rate increase on annual premiums for directors and officers is effective beginning March 16, 2010.

- The KCPD is offering personal safety classes on February 22 and 23. Call Vanessa Husky to reserve a spot, 759-6313.

#### NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting will be mid-March.