

**Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes** for 8/13/08, 7:00pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

**Those in attendance:**

Terry Rodeghier

Joe Grego

Kathy Arthur

Mary Kay Morrow

Darryl Hawkins – Neighbor

Kevin Yates – Neighbor and Island Maintenance volunteer

Kevin Evans – Assistant Regional Manager – KC, MO Parks and Rec.

**7:05pm**

**Neighborhood Beautification Measure**– This month we were happy to welcome Kevin Evans, Assistant Regional Manager with Kansas City, MO Parks and Rec. Department. Kevin informed us that his group is willing to seed, aerate and fertilize our island located at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street & Brookside Blvd. He will also provide the ongoing service of fertilization and winterization of this particular island going forward. Additionally, they will be trimming the tree located in the park on that same corner and will also be adding new mulch. Mr. Evans also notified us that there are funds in the city budget for tree replacement, which we may seek to take advantage of in the future. In the meantime, Mr. Evan's group will tidy up the island for us and remove the overgrowth and edge the sidewalks so that our Beautification Project can continue with Kevin Yates' plan. Kevin Yates' plan includes a beautiful landscaping proposal that would require lighting and irrigation in order to go forward.

**Irrigation** – In order for the residents of Countryside to obtain an irrigation system for this island or any island, it must go before a committee. It seems that Irrigation and Electricity will not cost us to connect because the City of KC takes care of those expenses. However, we must (Countryside) pay for the irrigation and electrical systems to be built/created on these islands. There are steps involved in order for this to happen, the first of which is that we must create/obtain a plan to present to the City Committee. This plan should include various estimates for the proposed work being done, evidence of the proper insurance/bonding, etc...Therefore, our next step is just that. Obtaining bids from Contractors and beginning to build our plan for presentation to the City. This plan must then be presented to and get past the initial Development Committee in order to be moved forward to the Planning Committee. It's the Planning Committee that will issue the final decision on our proposal.

As far as the monthly expense for electricity and water to the island, KC will bill the HOA once the systems have been installed.

**Treasurer's Report** - There was some very basic discussion that took place at this month's meeting, however we will revisit the Treasurer's Report in detail at our next meeting. The discussion was limited due to our Treasurer, Mario Vasquez, being unavailable for the meeting this month.

**Security Initiative** – In discussing this topic in general terms, it was agreed that according to our own personal experiences and from feedback from residents of the Countryside Home Owner's Association, that more and more routine stops are being conducted by our Security Providers (Off Duty Police Officers) with visibility being high and helping to provide additional crime deterrent. Apparently this is working!

**Dues Update** – According to our President Terry Rodeghier, 75% of all residents have made their annual dues payment. There will be a "2<sup>nd</sup> Request" mailer sent in the very near future. But overall, the response to the increase in annual dues has been a success.

**Oxford House Update** –The efforts continue to investigate and uncover a means to remove Oxford House from our residential neighborhood and force them to relocate elsewhere. We discussed the possibility of visiting with another Attorney regarding the legality of their presence in our residential neighborhood. We have agreed to incur at least \$200-\$300 in additional legal fees so that this discussion can take place.

**Movie Night** – As a recap, The City of Kansas City offers an inexpensive means of entertainment during the summer months. They provide a large inflatable movie screen and a movie. We provide a venue and trash pick up. Mario Vasquez has been spearheading this effort and it has been determined that Beetle Juice and Mary Poppins are available for 9/13 & 9/19. We agree that the 9/19 date is optimal due to our Annual Picnic being held the prior weekend of 9/19. Are we going to go for it?

**Annual Picnic Update** – Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 7pm. We've continued to make and firm up plans for the annual picnic and those plans are moving right along. The petition for permission from the residents has been signed and we've obtained permission for electricity and water usage from at least one neighbor, the Tucillo's. Kathy Arthur has agreed to invite both KCPD and KCFD and Terry has taken on the task of obtaining the cones and the permit. Terry's wife Nadine has made arrangement for a Moonwalk, and face painter for the kids as well as lots of food, drink and live music. Volunteers are needed for coolers, recycling bins, set up, and tear down. Many thanks to all of those that are working to make this a special event for the neighborhood.

**Quarterly Newsletter** – Advertising slots are available in each Quarterly Newsletter for a fee of \$36/year or \$10 per issue. Contact Terry for details. The latest edition should be ready to go to print towards the end of August with an early September delivery date.

**Dumpster Day** – We discussed briefly and agreed to the idea of adding an additional Dumpster Day or two at St. Theresa's this fall, in the south parking lot, to compensate for the city's decision to terminate the Bulky Item Pick Up Program. Dates will be set soon.

**Centennial Update** – Banners are still in the works, but we've agreed to a minimum number to line Main Street, thus concentrating on our own neighborhood and our own neighbors vs ordering a much larger number to line Brookside Blvd and Wornall Road as well. Terry will visit with HACCD to obtain details including maintenance and insurance expenses. Suffice to say though, that we've agreed to do something in this regard. Details should be established at our next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 10, 2008 @ 7:00pm, Minsky's on Main.  
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association