

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 2/13/08, 7:10pm CST
Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

Those in attendance:

Terry Rodeghier
Joe Grego
Mario Vasquez
Kevin Vaughn
Mary Kay Morrow
Jim Kraus
Kathy Arthur

7:10pm

Neighborhood Watch Update –Kathy Arthur reports that she now has 75% of all Countryside blocks participating in the neighborhood watch program and is ready to order the Neighborhood Watch signs.

Main Street Traffic - Thanks go out to neighbor Kathy Arthur. She has successfully petitioned the city and we now have “NO TRUCKS” signs on Main Street.

Neighborhood Directory - Kevin Vaughn has completed the directory of residents and it's ready to be proofed and then sent for printing. There is ad space available in the directory for those residents and neighborhood businesses that are interested in advertising.

Centennial Celebration – Darryl was unavailable to bring us up to date on any new developments in this area.

Easter Egg Hunt - The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for 3/22/08 at St. Therasas.

Committees – No new news with regards to the formation of action committees, except that Mary Kay Morrow is reaching out to those that volunteered in the Neighborhood Survey to participate in an effort to encourage them to organize themselves and take action.

Oxford House – No new news. No news is good news.

Monument Update – (52nd Street & Brookside Blvd) Kevin Vaughn has received a bid from a neighborhood stone mason to repair the monument. Kevin is to bring a copy of that bid so that the members of the board can review and contract for services to initiate the repair of this monument.

Brookside Blvd Traffic – Mario provided the traffic accident statistics for Brookside Blvd, from 51st to 55th and the results are staggering. Clearly there must be a way to reduce the number of incidents in this small segment of our neighborhood. Discussions will continue so that we might develop some ideas to submit to the City of Kansas City that will help to resolve or abate the issue.

Picnic Ideas – There was some discussion to augment the annual picnic to include the opportunity for local artists and artisans to display their work at the next picnic, sort of the equivalent of a “Countryside Art/Trade Fair”. Great idea. Also being considered... A garden walk.

Historic Update – Achieving Historic Neighborhood Status – This project has been taken over by Lori Belington. We will contribute financially to any expenses incurred as deemed necessary to take us through this process. We’ve agreed to an initial budget of \$400 to cover expenses incurred through the end of our Fiscal Year and we will review the situation going forward from there.

Community Movie Night – The city offers an inflatable movie screen to be used by residents of the city. We would consider an event around this in an effort to bring neighbors together and create more sense of community. Terry Rodeghier to investigate and provide more details so that we might decide yes or no.

Annual Meeting – Terry has obtained a commitment from a Representative of DST to speak at our annual meeting and share with us the plans for the Development of Main Street. Additional topics being considered for the annual meeting are Police Patrol Expenses, and a “State of the Neighborhood” discussion. More to come at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 @ 7:00pm, Minsky’s on Main.

Have a great week everyone.

Joe Grego
Loyal Secretary
Countryside Homes Association