

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 6/10/08, 7:00pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

Those in attendance:

Terry Rodeghier

Mario Vasquez

Joe Grego

Jim Kraus

Dan Sun

Kathy Arthur

Darryl Hawkins

Kevin Yates – Neighbor and Island Maintenance volunteer

7:05pm

Kevin Yates and Neighborhood Beautification – The day has arrived for us to move forward with the Beautification Measure that was voted on and approved by the residents of the Countryside Homes Association. The Measure is designed to produce additional revenue of \$12,000/year for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 allowing us to utilize those funds to update and beautify our common areas and monuments. Countryside Resident and Professional Landscape Designer, Kevin Yates, has volunteered to take on this exciting and massive challenge. Thanks Kevin! Kevin will be relying on the volunteer efforts of our residents to help us accomplish our goal and minimize our expense. Kevin presented us with a concept to create an inclusive plan to design, plant, water and maintain each marker and common area within the neighborhood. We will be meeting with Kevin again in the near future to review his proposal and get the ball rolling in regards to landscaping the soon to be renovated monument at 52nd and Brookside Blvd. Mary Kay has a list of residents that have volunteered via our most recent survey, to take part in this effort and calls will be made to solicit their muscle power.

Security Initiative – Kathy Arthur has been in close communication with the KCPD Officer that is contracting to provide our increased security patrol. As of this meeting, they were scheduled to begin the patrols in uniform and in marked vehicles on June 17th from 10am-2pm with the schedule varying from day to day. Our agreement calls for four 4 hour shifts per week. There are five officers that will be participating in the rotation. We do have a few items on which we'd like more detail. For example, will these officers provide Incident Reports for any incident that may take place during their shifts? Can they be called away to other crime scenes while they are "on the clock" with us? If so, will we receive "make up" time? Kathy is working to obtain a copy of a set patrol schedule to include the name and cell phone number for the officer on duty from day to day. We are also working to create a means of Police Officer accountability to the schedule to insure that we get what we're paying for. This Measure is to be voted upon for renewal annually at the Annual Meeting and at that time, we hope to have a report available to provide statistics and document the impact that this Measure has made.

Truck Traffic on Brookside Boulevard – Kevin Yates, who lives on Brookside Blvd near 53rd Street, has voiced concerns about the traffic that moves up and down Brookside Blvd. He has had several auto accidents that have taken place either in his yard or in front of his yard and Kevin feels that there is a need for some means of controlling the traffic a bit. One idea was to lobby the city to add a Pedestrian crosswalk and/or a flashing yellow light to help pedestrians with crossing Brookside Blvd. This would serve the purpose of helping the UMKC commuter students that park on the blocks east of Brookside Blvd to cross over to the University. It would also ideally slow traffic down, reduce traffic accidents, and make it easier for cars to turn from our neighborhood onto Brookside Blvd. Mario has said that he might have a contact at the City that could assist with this undertaking. We've also discussed utilizing our increased police patrol

to conduct random radar readings and issue traffic citations in an effort to mitigate some of the traffic violations taking place on Brookside Blvd, which also include illegal truck traffic.

Oxford House Update – We've been in touch with Councilwoman Beth Goldstein and she agrees with us in our stance there is no place for an Oxford House in our neighborhood. There has been some discussion that a zoning change might help. Beth is working with HOA Attorney Dan Cauthen on this effort. We hope to have these folks speak at our next Board meeting. Dan Sun has agreed to call Cauthen to determine if we have a case.

Board Election – Jim Kraus has accepted the nomination and the role of Vice President of the Countryside Homes Association. Additionally, Mario Vasquez has been nominated and has accepted the role as Treasurer of the Countryside Homes Association.

Directory Update – Terry has taken this task from Kevin Vaughn and will be working to complete the Countryside HOA Directory in the near future. Advertising opportunities are available. Contact Terry for the details.

Quarterly Newsletter – Advertising slots are available in each Quarterly Newsletter for a fee of \$36/year. Contact Terry for details.

Dumpster Day – We discussed briefly the idea of adding an additional Dumpster Day or two at St. Theresa's in the south parking lot to compensate for the city's decision to terminate the Bulky Item Pick Up Program. We'll be discussing this in more detail at our next monthly meeting and will create a plan of action to accomplish this task.

Summer Movie Night – The 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 will be spearheading this effort and we had discussed a date of July 16 as a possibility but have not determined a location as of yet. Two ideas were St. Theresa's soccer field and Visitation's School parking lot.

4th of July Parade – Darryl Hawkins is the master of ceremonies for our First Annual 4th of July Parade as an adjunct to our Centennial Celebration. Kids are asked to decorate their bicycles, scooters, wagons, etc for a chance to win a prize, and take part in a fun spirit building activity designed to create further unity and foster a better "get to know your neighbor" mentality within the neighborhood. Show your pride in the USA and have a "BLAST". The meeting time is 2pm in the Visitation Church parking lot. The parade route has not yet been determined but it's sure to be a good time for all!

Annual Picnic Update – We've started to make plans for the annual picnic. Let's firm this up at our next meeting. Theme? Kids games? Moonwalk? Face Paint? Historic Photographs? Candy Art? Sand Art? Local artisans displaying their work? A band?

52nd and Brookside Monument – The construction should begin any time. FINALLY!
Keep an eye out and watch the progress.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 9, 2008 @ 7:00pm, Minsky's on Main.
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association