

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 10/9/07, 7:05pm CST
Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

Those in attendance from HOA:

Terry Rodeghier
Kevin Vaughn
Joe Grego
Darryl Hawkins
Francine Vaughn

7:05pm Meeting started with a discussion on Automated Phone Messaging System –

We opened our meeting with a discussion about our recently implemented auto messaging system. Thus far, we've had both good feedback from neighbors and not so good feedback from neighbors. Some said that they've never felt more "in the loop" in regards to neighborhood news and still others didn't get the message at all. Kevin is planning on getting together with Vince in the near future to track the next call and investigate our success rate. Our goal is, when using this system, to get a message out to as many neighbors as possible with as high a success rate as possible, with a minimum expense. And the question has been, does the system leave a message on a home answering machine if the call is not received by a live person? Of this, we're not so sure. But we'll find out. More to come on this subject as we gather more information.

Neighborhood Crime Watch/Security

This month it was requested by a contingent of concerned neighbors that the Homes Association should purchase "Neighborhood Watch" signs for each street in the neighborhood. Although we have not arrived at a conclusion on this topic, we've tended towards a proposed solution. Perhaps each block selects, or a resident on each block volunteers as the Block Captain. That Block Captain would take on the responsibility of surveying their block neighbors in regards to block security concerns, in addition to acting as a liaison with the Homes Association regarding their individual block specific needs, concerns, and requests. Thus, this would make the question of Neighborhood Watch and other issues a block by block issue versus a Homes Association issue. Our plan is to roll out the concept in the next news letter.

Historic District – Mary Kay was unable to attend the meeting. More from her on this subject at our next get together.

All Board Meeting – HACCD is holding an "All Board" reception on 11/7/07. Let's go!

Directory – Kevin has been working on the much anticipated, updated neighborhood directory. Per Kevin, he is nearing completion and we hope to have it completed and printed by the end of the year.

Grant Info – Mario was unavailable for this meeting and will tell us more on this subject at the next meeting, but Terry was able to obtain some of the details and it appears that we may be in a position to receive a grant from the city of Kansas City to support our 100 Year Anniversary celebration. More to come on this, but this is something that we intend to pursue.

Discussion of Plowing needs – We touched briefly on the issue of snow plowing as we approach the winter months. Part of the discussion included the idea of considering additional snow plowing services as mentioned to be a concern by a fair percentage of neighbors completing the survey. Additional conversation took place regarding which service provider we use for this service and how we go about contacting them.

Discussion of next newsletter – We have decided to add a “welcome to the neighborhood” section to our next newsletter, giving names and addresses of all new neighbors that have moved in since the last news letter. Terry and Nadine Rodeghier plan on visiting each new neighbor individually with the intent to welcome them in person until a welcoming committee is formally established. In addition, we are going to appeal to the neighbors to assign a Block Captain for each block.

Discussion of changing Meeting Date – Due to scheduling conflicts, we are planning to change the day of our monthly meeting from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Wednesday of each month.

Monument Status– Jim Kraus has been in contact with Murasky in regards to the repair of the monument at 52nd Street & Brookside Blvd. We’re waiting for the official written bid, but it appears that we’re maybe a bit apart on our numbers at this point. In the meantime, I’ve taken it upon myself to get a bid from another contractor that has done some work for me in the past in an effort to push the process along. As a reminder, we’ve voted to allocate \$2,500 towards the repair of the monument and another \$2,500 towards landscaping.

8:15pm – Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 14, Minsky’s on Main.

Have a great week everyone.

Joe Grego
Loyal Secretary
Countryside Homes Association