

**Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes** for 9/10/08, 7:05pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

**Those in attendance:**

Terry Rodeghier

Joe Grego

Kathy Arthur

Mary Kay Morrow

Darryl Hawkins – Neighbor

Mario Vasquez

Dan Sun

**7:05pm**

**Annual Picnic Update** – Originally scheduled for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 7pm, the date will be moved one week from its original schedule. New date will be September 20, 2008. The reason for the move is that there is a very high probability of inclement weather. Contact has been made to all vendors and entertainers and it has been confirmed that all are available for the following week without problem or without penalty. Kathy Arthur will pass this information along to KCPD and Jim Kraus will notify the KCFD of the change. All HOA Board Members and Volunteers are being asked to provide coolers and recycling bins. Mario Vasquez will work on amending the picnic permit with the city of Kansas City.

**Movie Night** – Movie Night is also being rescheduled from its original date of 9/13 to Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>. This rescheduling is also due to the immanent threat of inclement weather. The movie being shown will be Beetle Juice in holding with an early Halloween theme and will be shown in the park located at the corner of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Brookside Blvd. An “all call” will be made to the residents in advance of the event. Neighbors are being asked to provide their own seating and refreshments.

**Neighborhood Beautification Measure**– Recently, Terry Rodeghier, Kathy Arthur and Kevin Yates met with the Kansas City, MO Parks and Rec. Department to discuss our Beautification proposal involving possible sprinkler system, electricity, and our proposed Landscaping layout. The city has since had their sub-contractors edge and cut back the grass and overgrowth on the island that had become an eyesore due to neglect. The City has also agreed to kill the “grass” on the island in order to allow us to begin with a clean slate. This should take place within the next week or so. We are hoping that since some of the other islands in the HOA have electric and water service, the city will be compliant in assisting us to accomplish the same thing with the island @ 52<sup>nd</sup> and Brookside. Regardless, we must move forward with our partnership with the city on island improvement because this is, in fact, city owned property and we are unable to make any significant changes without their blessing.

**Neighborhood Clean Up -**

The idea of scheduling and sponsoring a “neighborhood clean up” was tabled at this month's meeting. We think that it would be good to set the date to coincide with our fall Dumpster Day that is being held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 8am-12pm in the St. Theresa's parking lot. We thought it would be a good idea to meet at St. Theresa's at 10am to begin and organize the clean up effort. We'll provide donuts and trash bags for those that volunteer to participate. The thought is that groups of volunteers will blanket the neighborhood and remove any and all waste from streets, parkways, and common areas.

**PIAC Update** – Mary Kay attended a meeting with PIAC recently and presented to them the idea of rebuilding all of our stone monuments which are currently in a state of deterioration. The opinion of PIAC was that the idea was too minimal for them to consider in its present form and they suggested that a “grander plan” be created, outlining the concept of an entire neighborhood with monuments, statues, fountains, etc...We will present our proposal at the next PIAC meeting in April, 2009.

**Treasurer’s Report** - There was additional discussion regarding our finances as a Home’s Association. Our expenses are up significantly over years past and this is due to a large portion of our monthly expense recently being directed towards the Security Measure and the cost of that additional security. Our ability to continue to receive and pay for the security service without tapping in to our reserve funds is predicated upon receiving dues from the remaining Home Owners in Countryside. To date, approximately 75% of all neighbors have paid their annual dues. A second mailer was sent in late August as a reminder to those whom have not paid.

**Directory Update** – Per our President, Terry Rodeghier, all the necessary data is in place. The question now becomes, “do we want to do this?” The cost to produce the directory is approximately \$600. We’ve discussed the possibility of charging \$5 for each resident that desires the directory. An additional idea was to only offer the directory to those residents that have paid their annual HOA dues. More discussion to come on this matter.

**Oxford House Update** – Per Dan Sun, there has been little development. We have sought counsel from a new representative, Lindsay Wood. Mario suggests we schedule an appointment with the Assistant City Attorney regarding this as a zoning issue. Perhaps that might be a tactic that could be beneficial to our efforts of removing Oxford House from our family oriented neighborhood.

**Security Update** – According to Kathy Arthur, there have been three recent Breaking and Entering crimes that have taken place within our neighborhood, just in the last ten days. On the positive side, our contracted security patrol has conducted 8 car checks, 16 warrant arrests, 7 moving violations, deterred one suspicious party soliciting, and made 10 contacts with individuals casing our neighborhood. Details should be established at our next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 8, 2008 @ 7:00pm, Minsky’s on Main.  
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association