

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 1/14/09, 7:05pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

Those in attendance:

Terry Rodeghier

Joe Grego

Mario Vasquez

Jim Kraus

Kathy Arthur

Mary Kay Morrow

Darryl Hawkins - neighbor

7:05pm

Park Update for 52nd and Brookside Blvd– Per Mario Vasquez, we as a HOA need to put together a letter of intent to present to the Parks Department in reference to our idea of having water and lighting installed at the park at 52nd and Brookside Blvd. Mario has agreed to create the letter and will forward to Terry Rodeghier and Kathy Arthur to submit for approval by the Kansas City Park's Department. It appears that money may be available from the City of Kansas City on or after May 1, 2009. First we must receive financial approval from KC and once we have that we then move to the Parks Department to receive approval for our project to add the lighting and water.

Westover & Wyandotte Island – We all agree that now that we've made progress on the island at 52nd and Brookside, our next project will be this one. This island appears to require a re-design and start from scratch. Mario has had experience with a landscape designer and KC neighborhood resident Matt Evett from a group called Confluence. Mario will call Matt to begin a dialogue regarding a possible landscape design for this island as our first step.

PIAC - Nothing new from PIAC until their next meeting which is scheduled to take place in March of 2009. Stay tuned for more information on this subject in the months to come.

Treasurer's Report - As of this date in time, we are on budget. An additional \$700 in annual dues was received from residents in December.

Security Update – Reports of violations within the neighborhood continue. This measure is up for annual re-election at the annual meeting so Kathy will begin to prepare the facts and results of this years increased security activities. This report will then be presented to the neighbors allowing them to make an educated decision when the time comes to renew or terminate this measure.

Oxford House Update – Per Dan Sun, we might be able to use the “nuisance” clause to obtain an injunction against the owner of the Oxford House. Terry Rodeghier will call our attorney to discuss.

Opus Update – Per Terry, plans for development of Main Street and 51st Street have been temporarily suspended for obvious economic reasons. We'll keep you informed as the situation develops.

Historic Update – Nothing new on this front this month.

Christmas Lighting Winners – 55th Terrace wins for the best decorated block. 3 E Concorde wins for best decorated home of the year. 55th Terrace wins a \$100 cash gift to go towards a block party.

Easter Egg Hunt – I (Joe Grego) have been in contact with neighbor Jenny Green to confirm that Jenny would be willing to organize and run this years Easter Egg Hunt. I've also been in communication with Nan Bone, the President of St. Theresa's Academy and Nan has graciously agreed to allow us to use their grounds this year. Nan will make sure that any fertilization that might be scheduled around that time will be delayed until after our event. Jenny would like for us to make an announcement both in the Quarterly Newsletter and via email to seek volunteers to assist with the set up.

Dumpster Days– Mario will check on availability dates for both Spring and Fall. At the same time, Mario will check on the possibility of holding more than one Movie night this year. Details to follow at the next meeting.

Gift Basket Update – Pryde's Old Westport is willing to make donations of baskets and other items for us in our welcome baskets for new neighbors. Pizza 51 is also on board donating gift certificates and coupons. Thanks Guys!

Newsletter Articles – Articles are due to Terry by mid month to be included in our next quarterly newsletter.

Annual Meeting – Terry will be checking with different potential venue to hold this year's meeting. Potential sites include the Plaza Library, Tighe Hall at Visitation Church, Bo Lings, and others. Kathy will have one of our Security Officers on hand to speak at the meeting and take questions regarding results of the 2008 Security Initiative. Elections will be held for members with expiring terms. This includes Terry and Mario.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 @ 7:00pm, Minsky's on Main.
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association