

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 2/11/09, 6:58pm 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

7:05pm

Beautification Update– Kathy Arthur met with Terry of Confluence Landscaping Design regarding the island at Westover and Wyandotte to discuss plans for landscaping. She also met with a rep from the City of Kansas City regarding elimination of dead trees, tree trimming, dead wood elimination and stump removal. The city has agreed to handle the removal of tree debris and overgrowth as well as removal of any dead or dying trees and stumps.

Also discussed was the **Enhanced Maintenance Program**. The combination of the Regular maintenance program and the Enhanced Maintenance Program offered by the city includes 3 fertilization treatments, 1 herbicide and overseeding along with 18 annual mowings. Enhanced Maintenance is offered at a cost of \$210/yr and includes 8 additional mowings, trimming and edging. The Regular Maintenance Program is offered at \$583/yr. Total annual cost will be \$793.

Security Update – This measure is up for renewal at our annual meeting.

PIAC – PIAC requests are due to the city of Kansas City each August and are decided upon the following January or February. We will have to restructure our request for lighting, electricity, and water for the park at 52nd Street & Brookside Blvd prior to August due to our initial request being declined for lack of detail and depth of plan. In the meantime we've received approval for repair of crumbling monuments throughout Countryside to the tune of \$8,000 which is a small victory for Countryside.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – We'd like to establish a date and will coordinate with Marge who does the annual and well known Marge's Massive Garage Sale.

Treasury Update – We were not granted the funds for the Historic District Expansion that we were hoping for so we will need to re-allocate the \$4,000 that we had set aside previously for this specific effort. Mario will continue to investigate other methods of making this Historic District Expansion happen including using interns from the city to work Pro-Bono.

Annual Meeting – We have been looking at alternative sites to hold this year's meeting due to an issue with crowding at Eggtc...After careful consideration, BoLings will be the site of this year's Annual Meeting. Terry will be making contact with our council members to extend an invitation. Let's think of topics to discuss at the meeting. Up for re-election to the Board this year are Terry and Mario.

Easter Egg Hunt – We're On! Neighbor Jenny Greene will organize and Joe Grego will assist. We'll be back to our usual location at St. Theresa's Academy and the hunt will take place the day before Easter in the late morning.

Newsletter Articles - Please provide all newsletter articles to Terry by the end of Feb. for an early March mailing date.

Dumpster Day – We are in the process of determining a date for this Spring. More information to follow next month.

Movie Night – Mario is investigating a date and movie for late in the Spring. Perhaps the month of May, if available. Again, we would plan on holding this movie night at the park at 52nd Street and Brookside Blvd with a start time of dusk. Movie title to TBD.

Gift Basket Update – No new news on this subject recently. WE have delivered 24 welcome Baskets in the last 12 monhths and have another 6 baskets ready to go as needed.

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