

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 9/9/09, 7:05pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

Those in attendance:

Terry Rodeghier

Joe Grego

Jim Kraus

Kathy Arthur

Mario Vasquez

Mary Kay

Mike O'Neill - prospective new board member

Kyle Kelly – prospective new board member

7:05pm

Opening on the Board to fulfill the remainder of Dan Sun's term – Our interested candidates include Mike O'Neill and Kyle Kelly. Mike's O'Neill's platform is that he has been a resident on East Concorde for several years and a resident of the Countryside neighborhood since childhood. His family residing on East Concord allows him the unique perspective of having to live with Oxford House, as had Dan Sun. His focus is in helping to create and maintain a safe and happy community. Kyle Kelly has resided on W. 52nd Street and Main for many years. His desire is altruistic. He would like to simply contribute to the area in a positive way via ideas and action.

We on the board heard both candidates share their ideas and reasons for which they should be considered for the vacant position. From there, the Board was prepared to cast a vote.

Mary Kay Morrow Steps Aside – Mary Kay informed the group of her desire to step down from the board due to upcoming personal time demands. Because of the demanding nature of her personal responsibilities, she suggested that we allow both candidates (Mike O'Neill and Kyle Kelly) to join the Board. By unanimous vote, it was decided. Mary Kay is no longer on the Board of the Countryside Homes Association and she and Dan Sun have been replaced by Kyle Kelly and Mike O'Neill respectively. Mary Kay's spot, taken by Kyle, runs until 2010. Dan's spot has been taken by Mike O'Neill and runs through 2011.

Annual Picnic – Everything is set to go. Mike O'Neill will ask John Kelley from the KCFD to make a visit. Mario has placed a call to the Parks Dept to request fencing off of the pile of debris resulting from the sewer work that has been taking place at the park @ 52nd St. & Brookside Blvd. We are also working to borrow a generator from a neighbor to power the band's equipment. The permit has been signed. We are looking for older children to oversee the "moonwalk". Bring your coolers and recycling tubs.

Set Up – 1:30pm Saturday. Joe Grego, Jim Kraus, Terry and Nadine Rodeghier. Jim Kraus also volunteered to remove the trash following the event. Volunteers will be needed for the tear down.

Island Maintenance – Joe G will organize an effort to weed and clean the 52nd & Brookside Island in advance of the picnic. Volunteers will be solicited for a two hour session to take place on Tuesday, September 15 from 5pm-7pm. Our rain date would be Wednesday, September 16. Also from 5pm-7pm.

Directory Delivery – All directories are labeled and ready to go. Terry will be dropping the directories with the Block Captains for distribution to the residents of each block. Only those that are current on dues will receive the directory.

51st & Main Garden – This property is currently owned by DST. DST has proposed an Organic Garden be set up on the property until the economy improves and development begins. Volunteers are being sought to oversee this project and a table will be set up at the picnic to recruit residents/neighbors to participate. Details forthcoming.

Dumpster Day – The date for our next Countryside Neighborhood Dumpster Day has been set for Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00am – 12:00pm. We will have three dumpsters this time. One for leaves and brush and two for trash. The second trash dumpster is being sponsored by Board Member Jim Kraus and Brookside Real Estate. Joe and Mario will cover the 8:00am – 10:00am shift. Terry and Jim will handle the 10:00am – 12:00pm shift. Residents seeking to take advantage of this benefit will be asked to provide address information and must be current on their dues. We will also be accepting donations.

PIAC – Mary Kay spoke with Derwin Rice. The stone marker renovation grant that we had requested had been approved however it has now been determined that because they are located on private property they are not eligible. It was suggested that we find alternative projects with which to utilize these funds by creating a list, ranking the list, and submitting the list. PIAC has committed to \$8,000 so we need to find another way to use it. One suggestion would be to use those funds to build the stone walks on our island at Westover and 55th, which would likely consume the \$8,000.

Security Update – A suggestion was made at this month's meeting to begin interfacing with the Security Office of UMKC. Kathy will look in to this. The idea of information sharing is a good one in terms of crime awareness in the area.

Dues Collections – Many thanks to Jim Kraus who has personally collected dues from a number of delinquent residents. The gap between what is due and what has been paid has closed dramatically. Specific numbers to be released at our next meeting in October.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 6th @ 7:00pm, Minsky's on Main.
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.