

**Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes** for 11/17/09, 7:00pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main.

**Those in attendance:**

Terry Rodeghier

Joe Grego

Jim Kraus

Kathy Arthur

Mario Vasquez

Kyle Kelly

Mike O'Neill

**7:05pm**

**Review of Minutes From Previous Meeting** - A couple of corrections were made to October minutes. Those changes have been made and have been submitted to HACCD to be posted to our website.

**7:10pm Mario Vasquez' Treasurer's Report** – Expenses for October 2009 were as follows: \$1,920 for private security, \$450 for Island Maintenance, Admin fees of \$221.26 to HACCD, and Postage of \$27.79. We're currently running short of funds for upcoming security expenses due to a shortfall in dues received. As a result, we'll need continuous evaluation to determine if we'll need to suspend the private security patrol at some point. 48 home owners have not paid dues.

**Safety Update** – Kathy Arthur received the October Security Report from Officer Brett Parsons and his private security patrol. No new news in this area other than to say that several of our residents have taken KCPD up on their offer to provide Security Reviews for their households. This is a free service offered by KCPD and involves them coming out to a resident's home to conduct an analysis of the home owner's security issues. The goal of which is to show the homeowner how to decrease the chances of their home being a crime scene.

**Communications** - Quarterly Newsletter – Articles for the upcoming news letter are due to Terry by 11/22/09. Suggestions include the new Bottle Recycling Facilities in the neighborhood, DST update, holiday lighting contest, etc. Email Messages – Terry has received responses from 200+ neighbors that are interested in joining our new Countryside HOA email list which will be used exclusively for the transmission of Countryside news and information.

**Social** – Christmas Lighting Contest – We've decided to continue this tradition for another year. \$50 gift certificate to the winning house in the neighborhood. Under consideration is ordering more signs to place in the yard of the winning home/winning block. Goal is to have lights up by 12/9/09 with voting to be done via email by Dec 16.

Annual Meeting – It's time to start thinking about subject matter and location for the 2010 Event. The meeting is scheduled for 4/13/09. More info to follow as it becomes available.

New Neighbor Welcome – Still plenty of inventories for welcome baskets.

**Island Maintenance** – May need some leaf pick up but otherwise the island maintenance is complete for 2009. We'll need to take a look to see what additional work might be necessary. Terry Rodeghier has requested bids for the Island at Westover & Wyandotte for the stone work. Those bids should be available for our next meeting in December.

Community Garden Plots – DST is still in the process of determining how to distribute the new garden plots @ 51<sup>st</sup> & Main. More information as it becomes available.

**Special Projects** – KCPL/KC Parks Department have convened to create a plan to remove and replace the trees that are dying along 55<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> Streets. They have not yet requested funds from our HOA as a contribution. Being considered as replacements for the current trees are Japanese Maples because of their beauty and their less imposing size. The City of KC will handle the tear out, stump grinding and clean up and KCPL has offered \$5,000 for the cost of the new trees. This process is scheduled to begin after Jan 1, 2010. We're prepared to contribute financially to upgrade the new tree selections, if necessary.

**Expansion of Historic District** – Update of status will be included in the news letter. No real news here from last month. PIAC funds allocation results will be made known in the Spring of 2010. More details to follow when they become available.

**General Topics** –

Brookside Sewer System Information – a meeting is being held at 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm for all those that are interested in attending. It's open to the public.

Increase in General Services Dues – We're beginning discussions to put a dues increase on the table for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Going forward we'll be analyzing our current budget in comparison to our current receipts to determine an amount that will be sufficient to allow us to continue operating with a positive cash flow.

Tax Free Donations to Countryside HOA – There has been discussion of whether or not a charitable contribution to our Homes Association is considered a charitable contribution and thus, a tax write off. Let's find out more.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 9th @ 7:00pm, Minsky's on Main.  
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.