

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 8/4/2010, 7:00pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's Restaurant on Main Street

Those in attendance:

Joe Grego, Terry Rodeghier, Kathy Arthur, Kyle Kelly, Mario Vasquez, Mike O'Neill, Representatives from Wornall Homestead Homes Association

7:04pm- Don Reck – Director of Habitat Restore – Don provided us with information about his organization which provides alternative fund raising for Habitat for Humanity. They dismantle homes for a fee and re-use the materials. They are moving in to the building that formerly housed Mar-Beck Appliances on Wornall Road. New facility to open November 1, 2010. www.restorekc.org

7:13pm Wornall Homestead Association – The Board of Wornall Homestead wanted to have a joint conversation regarding the proposed expansion at St. Teresa's. One concern voiced was that STA doesn't seem very forthcoming with information and then how to go about creating fluid conversation between STA and the surrounding neighborhoods. Also expressed was a desire to procure a solid set of plans to review. Additional concerns expressed were the potential impact of increased traffic, the impact of an additional parking lot to the appearance of the campus and congestion from parked cars on the streets. Their Countryside has already established a Task Force of neighbors to interface with the School and has made a commitment to creating ongoing sharing of ideas and opinions with the School as they embark on their plan to expand, including attending any meetings associated with the project and reporting the details back to the Board to post for public viewing.

7:50pm Finance Report - Currently, we have over \$56,000 in the bank. This is a result of dues being paid without having taken the next step with our Beautification projects. Receivables are \$21,000 made up primarily of dues pending. July expenses – primarily \$3,048 for enhance security.

8:00pm Security Update – Report provided by Kathy Arthur. On Tuesday, July 27th, there was an issue with teen vandalism to STA campus and surrounding homes. Aside from those incidents, much of the same. Pedestrian checks are being conducted, house checks, open doors, etc...Also learned that there is no set curfew at any of Kansas City's city parks, including Loose Park.

Oxford House is pending sale and has been or will very soon be shut down. At the time of this meeting there were still 5 squatters that refused to leave, perhaps because they have nowhere to go. The police have been involved in attempting to remove the individuals in question.

As is more common this time of year during the summer months, auto break-in's are happening more frequently. There were 42 thefts over a two week period in July. Again, do not leave purses, etc...on display in your car.

6:50pm - Communications- The Quarterly News Letter is out.

Delinquent Dues – Terry will obtain a list from Fox at HAKC so that we can begin our annual collection drive. Also, we've passed a measure through unanimous vote to file a lien if any individual home owner becomes 3 years delinquent on dues.

WEB Site – We need to update the website with our minutes, board roster and contact info, calendar, etc. Terry will mention this to Fox as well and inquire about how to accomplish this. Joe G to send past minutes to Fox to post, as available.

Annual Picnic – The picnic date is set for Saturday, September 18th from 3pm – 7pm at the park located at 52nd Street and Brookside Blvd. Same basic agenda as in previous years. Joe G will secure the permit through the City. Joe and Mike to secure kids to monitor the moon walk in exchange for service hours.

8:30pm -Islands – Joe to contact Electrician Frank McCabe to repair the lights on the island at 52nd & Wyandotte, including the installation of protective wire casings around the light fixtures designed to prevent future damage. Estimated Cost is \$200. We agree unanimously to move forward with this repair.

Dumpster Day – Start thinking about a fall date. Mario to check when KCMO does their free brush pick up so as not to conflict. Target month = October. We'd like for our dumpster day to take place prior to the city pick-up.

PIAC – determinations to be heard on Friday 8/6!

Historic Designation – Mario will be meeting with Brad Wolfe of KCMO on this subject to finalize the plans and proceed with the designation. Turn around time...? It must go to public hearing for approval.

8:40pm - Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 21st, 2010. Minsky's on Main

Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.