

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 1/18/2011, 7:00pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's Restaurant on Main Street

Those in attendance:

Joe Grego, Terry Rodeghier, Jim Kraus, Kyle Kelly, Mike O'Neill, Kathy Arthur, Mario Vasquez

7:10pm- Corrections to previous meeting minutes were requested. To clarify, Kathy A. will make the request for PIAC funds to conduct the Main St. Traffic Study and PIAC funds for this study have not yet been requested as previously stated. Otherwise, minutes were approved.

7:15pm Finance Report – Mario Vasquez – Treasurer: \$48,500 cash in the bank currently and receivables of \$10,674 for delinquent dues. Re: Liens for delinquent dues: we only file once and all future dues will be added to the lien amount as it is updated annually by HA-KC without having to re-file. Additionally, the fees associated with the filings are added to the lien amount. In addition, it was suggested that we ramp up our collection efforts by sending a personal letter to the non-payers and offer counseling including payment plans.

7:25pm Safety – Kathy suggested that at the Annual Meeting we propose an increase in security coverage hours. Initial thought is that this would result in an increase in dues. We currently charge \$65/household/year and we currently pay \$32/hour for the service. If we intend to ask for an increase in dues, it this request must first appear in the newsletter in advance of the Annual Meeting in order to notify the residents of the upcoming vote. Additional discussion centered on the thought that with the enhanced maintenance measure dropping this year from \$25/household down to \$10, we could keep the annual dues the same and move the \$15 over to boost the Security coverage hours.

7:45pm - Communications- Terry is working on the Annual Newsletter. Question arose regarding delivery method. Unanimous vote was in favor of hand delivery. Mike O, Jim K, and Joe G will spearhead the effort. Terry will arrange distribution.

7:50pm Social – Annual Meeting Suggestions – Can we do a bit more variety with regards to the food selection? A little more color and flavor, perhaps? Joe G to contact Visitation to discuss reserving Tighe Hall for April 19th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and will also contact Mark Blanck for a proposal and to see if he's interested in the job for the same price as last year. \$6/person. Kyle Kelly will again provide beverages and water and will request donations for beverages. **Annual Meeting Agenda Proposals –** Beautification Measure is scheduled to drop from \$25 to \$10 per household now that we've collected the necessary funds for the capital improvements and now only need funds for annual maintenance. There was a thought to pitch the idea of a Neighborhood Improvement District. We will also allow KCPD to address the room briefly but will allow only a specified amount of time to them in an effort to stray from the agenda.

8:05pm – Maintenance – Regarding our proposals for Landscaping and Upkeep, we are leaning towards Greenlee but need a bit more detail on specifics of planting. His bid came in at \$3,386 for the year and he does have an interest in the neighborhood, having been from here. We voted unanimously to accept them as our contractor and will ask to begin work March 1.

8:10pm Enhanced Maintenance – We would like for KCMO to drop their maintenance of the island/park property located at 52nd & Brookside Blvd. due to lackluster results and performance. What about the major projects on Wyandotte/55th & 57th? We agree that we must dedicate ourselves to the capital improvements that were voted on and approved as part of our campaign. What if we use our funds to repair the various stone columns and monuments (since they lie on private properties)? We believe we have 8 units throughout the neighborhood and estimates to repair/rebuild were in the range of \$2,000/ea. And then, secure partial or total PIAC funds to assist with the renovation of the remaining islands. PIAC funds have been applied for.

If we are unsuccessful in securing any PIAC Grants for improvements, it's time we start using the funds we've collected as part of our Landscaping/Island Maintenance Measure and get some of the work done ourselves

8:20pm New Business - Street Traffic Update –_No new news. STA's – The parking lot has been completed and looks good, other than the drainage sewer. Rumor has it that funding for the ball field has been secured. Kathy to request an update from Nan Bone @ STA's.

8:25pm – New Meeting Schedule – Our monthly meeting date has been set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning February 15th, 2011.

8:30pm - Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 15th, 2011. Minsky's on Main

Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.