

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 2/15/2011, 7:05pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's Restaurant on Main Street

Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Jim Kraus, Kyle Kelly, Mike O'Neill, Kathy Arthur, Mario Vasquez

7:10pm- Finance – Mario Vasquez, Treasurer, reports that we have cash in the bank of \$48,339 and receivables of \$10,559. Liens are being placed on all owners that are Three Years or greater in arrears. A "collection letter" will be drafted by Mario for distribution to those owners that face the possibilities of a line being secured by their homes. Expenses for the month include \$1,920 for Enhanced Security, \$320 in Administrative Expenses, and \$450 for leaf collection. We have been billed \$2,700 for the plowing services we received in Feb and that expense will be shown in next month's activity.

7:20pm Safety Report– Kathy Arthur suggests that we tout our success over the past three years attributed to our Enhanced Security Patrols. We intend to provide crime numbers/statistics at the Annual Meeting to support the benefits of this Measure. Regarding events in the neighborhood, a door was kicked in on E. 53rd Terrace and a flat screen was stolen. Of additional of interest, it has been determined that the City's ordinance regarding the prevention of door to door solicitation has been thought to be unconstitutional.

7:30pm Communications//March Newsletter - Articles are due to Terry ASAP. Subject of interest include the following upcoming events: Annual Meeting, Dumpster Day (change in time), Easter Egg Hunt, Countryside Garage Sale, The Filing of Liens for delinquent dues and the publishing of the names of those residents that are 2 years or more in arrears. A Historic District Update would be of interest as would a PIAC update, an update on the Main Street study, Bryan School update, STA update and the upcoming election of Board Members with expiring terms, including Kathy Arthur, Mike O'Neill, and Jim Kraus.

7:40pm - Social – The time and date have been set for the Annual Meeting. 6pm – 7pm on April 26th will be a Social Hour while food and drinks are served. Kyle will be arranging the beverages and Mark Blanck has been secured to provide food similar to but improved upon from last year. Subjects for discussion at the Annual Meeting include many of the subjects included in the Newsletter.

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. Up for re-election: Kathy Arthur, Mike O'Neill, and Jim Kraus.

7:50pm – Neighborhood Improvement District - Kyle Kelly is planning on scheduling a meeting with Gina Valentino of Greenway Fields to discuss the processes involved as well as the success/results of what establishing themselves as a Neighborhood Improvement District means. By achieving designation of a Neighborhood Improvement District, it allows for taxing authority rather than dues collection. In other words, the annual dues are added to the Home Owner's tax bill and are collected by Jackson County. Those funds are then distributed back to the HOA.

7:55pm - 51st & Main Update – It has been said that a new group (CAMUS?) is in discussion to purchase several of the properties on 51st & Main from DST. What are their plans for the usage of this property and can we offer them the podium at our Annual Meeting to provide us with an update? Kathy Arthur has agreed to investigate this a bit.

8:00pm – Maintenance & Enhanced Maintenance – Kathy Arthur has asked the City of Kansas City to drop the island @ 52nd & Main from their maintenance program. Jim K will check on status of other landscaping bids so that we can discuss and choose a provider and move forward. Otherwise, no new news.

8:05pm – New Business – Historic District info – The survey of the neighborhood has been done and it appears that the report may be ready to be delivered to the State of MO for consideration. Do we purchase "Historic District" street signs? Let's discuss further as we move forward.

8:10pm - Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 15th, 2011. Minsky's on Main
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.