

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 2/21/2012, 7:07pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main Street.

Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Mario Vasquez, Kathy Arthur, Terry Rodeghier, Mike O'Neil, Evan Strange (neighbor), Brock Rule (neighbor), Darryl Hawkins (neighbor)

7:07pm- Terry Rodeghier called the meeting to order.

7:08pm Tom Dubbert, The Yard Barber – Tom provided an update on our landscaping situation and discussed the augmented services he has proposed for 2012. Kathy provided Tom with instruction. Wyandotte & Westover Islands need improvement; however, the island is continuing to be maintained by the neighbors. Tom Dubbert offered to do a complimentary spring over-seed because the fall weather was too hot and dry so the seed that was dropped at that time was unsuccessful. Tom also offered to visit with the neighbors and work to develop a strategy for maintaining this island with their support.

7:20pm Evan Strange – Evan is our neighborhood volunteer directing and overseeing a CountrySide Tree Replacement Initiative in association with Heartland Tree Alliance, KCMO, and Re-Leaf. This program offers free trees to the residents of our community with the help of the aforementioned groups. Any resident may apply for/request a tree/trees for their property and may obtain these trees for free. We've set aside April 28th as Planting Day. Urban Canopy was mentioned. Additionally, Countryside was willing to supplement the cost of the trees if we may upgrade to Red Maple, which we've adopted as our "signature tree" in CountrySide. It is unclear at this time if an upgrade is available. Website is www.treesforcountryside.com. Joe G will post to our Facebook page.

7:35 pm Finance/Treasurer's Report – Per Treasurer, Mario Vasquez, we currently have \$60,000 in the bank. We have \$19,200 set aside for island improvement and wish to always maintain a general reserve of \$20,000. CountrySide received a \$35,000 in PIAC funds for the conducting of a Traffic Study for the neighborhood, related to all of the upcoming Development slated for our area in the next several years. **The Traffic Study** will be conducted by KCMO. And the scope of the work will begin with a base analysis of where we stand today with regards to traffic numbers and flow. The feeling is that we will obtain a thorough and complete study for the \$35K being spent. We will take steps from there regarding possible alterations to traffic flow based upon the findings of this **Traffic Study**. A lengthy discussion then ensued about creating/forming a sub-committee to our Homes Association Board of Directors, which would be a **Planning and Development Committee** made up of volunteers from the neighborhood. These proposed volunteers would not act as representatives of CountrySide Homes Association, but would gather information, attend hearings/meetings, provide opinions and offer expertise on the subject to the Board of the Homes Association, who would then consider taking a stance and/or taking action in some form.

8:02pm Brock Rule– Neighbor Brock Rule provided an extensive and detailed update on how the additional development slated to take place in our area in the next several years (including the Caymus Projects & 51st & Main and Brookside Blvd & 51st Street) will create significant potential for increased traffic, parking limitations, and overall congestion. With the numbers of visitors this potential development will create, the possibility is that there will be more parked cars on the streets than CountrySide can support.

8:25pm Safety – Kathy provided a brief update. Instances of crime have been fairly low in our area with the exception of a number of burglaries taking place in the areas surrounding Countryside. These break-ins have been occurring in the early hours of the morning. Remain alert. Report anything that seems unusual.

8:29pm Social –Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th @ Tighe Hall at Visitation Church. We have the room reserved from 6pm – 9pm. We are budgeting \$6/person for dinner being provided by Mark Blanck but would consider increasing to \$7/person if we were able to make an upgrade on food choice. **Dumpster Day** – Let’s target a date in May. **Garage Sale** – We will co-op on the date with Wornall Homestead & the Brookside Art Fair. There is a Charity Fun Run being held in the neighborhood on May 12th. **Easter Egg Hunt** – Joe will contact Nan Bone @ STA’s regarding the dates for these events and confirm.

8:40pm – New Business – Elections are held at the Annual Meeting. Positions up for election this year are President, currently being held by Terry Rodeghier, and Treasurer, currently being held by Mario Vasquez.

8:44pm – Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 @ 7:00pm. Minsky’s on Main.
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.