

**Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes** for 9/19/2012, 7:00pm CST. Meeting took place at The Beacon on Main Street. Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Kathy Arthur, Terry Rodeghier, Jim Kraus, Mike O'Neill, Jill McGee (neighbor) and Brock Rule (neighbor).

**7:07pm-** Terry Rodeghier called the meeting to order. Corrections to the minutes were suggested and submitted by Kathy Arthur.

**7:10pm – Finance –** Mario Vasquez, Treasurer, was unavailable to provide an update.

**7:11pm – Security/Safety -** Kathy Arthur provided a general update but our Security Report for the month had not been received by the start of this month's meeting. Thefts from autos remain a problem as is the numerous door to door magazine solicitors. The mantra remains the same. If something doesn't look right, call the police.

**7:15pm – Communications/Social – Annual Picnic-** At this point, most everything is set for the Annual Picnic. Areas of need include: Need older kids to man the "moonwalk". Mike O'Neill stated that he would have his daughter, who is a freshman in High School, act as monitor of this activity. Fire Department? They will be there and hope to bring a Fire Engine for kids to tour. KCPD will not be available to attend due to the conflict created by the Plaza Art Fair. We need Street Cones, Street Closure signs. Set up begins at 1pm. Joe G, Terry, Mike O'Neill, and Mario will be there to set up. Tear down begins at 7pm and volunteers are needed.

**Dumpster Day –** is set for Saturday, October 20 in the South lot at St. Teresa's. This event begins at 8am and goes until Noon. Participants must be current with dues in order to take advantage of this benefit. Goodwill, Habitat Restore, and E-Waste disposal will be available.

**7:22pm – Maintenance – Islands –** Per Tom Dubbert (The Yard Barber of KC) all decorative islands are being fall treated. We have also agreed to give Tom our blessing to treat or remove any of the diseased roses on the island at 52<sup>nd</sup> & Brookside Blvd.

**7:25pm – Project Development – Bingham School –** is now under contract, possibly with Hen House. **51<sup>st</sup> & Brookside Blvd –** No permits have been issued for this upcoming project at the time of this meeting. **51<sup>st</sup> & Main –** No major steps have taken place on this project, other than the telephone poles have been removed.

**7:30pm – Traffic Study –** Car counters have been seen out in the neighborhood obtaining information. GBA, the Contractor conducting the study, understands our concerns regarding 51<sup>st</sup> and Main and other areas of concentration. Nan Bone will be the conduit for STA and John Murphy will act as liaison for Visitation School and church. Currently, GBA is assessing the situation. Brittany Gamble and Ed Wolfe are also on the team.

**7:40pm – Main Street Trees –** Kevin LaPointe & KCPL have agreed to evaluate the situation of the grossly over-pruned trees on Main from 52<sup>nd</sup> Street south to 55<sup>th</sup> Street. They have mentioned that KCPL would be willing to remove the distressed trees and grind the stumps. It is estimated that as many as 50 trees may require removal and replacement. CountrySide would discuss purchasing the trees, red maples similar to the trees we planted on 55<sup>th</sup> Street, 3-4 inch stalks. Two estimates have been obtained, one at \$24,000 and the other for \$17,750, to plant and warrant the trees for one year. Kathy Arthur also offered to encourage KCPL to bury the lines along Main Street. We will wait until we have a better idea about how we want to do this and how the neighbors feel prior to taking any significant steps. The question was posed: If we do plant new trees, who would be responsible for maintenance and watering for the first two years when the trees are most fragile? **55th Street Sidewalk –** It's almost finished! And it looks great!

**7:55m – Old Business/New Business** – Problem homes like the one at 5433 Wornall and 22 E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, continue to be eye sores to CountrySide. It seems that both owners reside out of state and KCMO has difficulty pursuing out of state home owners. More news as it develops.

**PIAC** – No new news on PIAC this month.

**8:00pm – Meeting Adjourned**

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 @ 7:00pm @ the Beacon on Main.  
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.