

**Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes** for 8/21/2013, 7:02pm CST  
Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main Street.

Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Mike O'Neil, Kathy Arthur, Jim Kraus, Jason Pryor and Mark Blanck (caterer)

**7:02pm-** The meeting was called to order.

**7:03pm Mark Blanck and the Annual Picnic** – Mark has accepted the job as caterer/cook for this year's picnic, scheduled for Saturday, September 14. Mark provided a bid of \$1,200 to handle ALL the food, including prep, serving, and paper goods. Mark was provided with a template of food and accessories needed and based his bid on this information. We unanimously accepted his bid. Regarding picnic, volunteers needed!

**7:20pm Landscaping Update** – The question was asked...how much does Tom Dubbert, our landscaping provider at The Yard Barber of KC, charge to clean up the overgrowth along Main Street for us? We do need an update from Tom on the status of re-planting the red maples that died last year on 55<sup>th</sup> Street. Also need a status update on the landscaping developments on the various islands on Westover and elsewhere. It was suggested that we contact members of neighboring Homes Associations, particularly Wornall Homestead, to obtain guidance, given that they have recently added monument at Huntington and Brookside Blvd. Joe G to contact Mark Forsythe from Wornall Homestead for insight.

**7:26pm Treasurer's Report** – Mario Vasquez was unavailable to provide a report. However, we have \$89K in the bank, including receivables (dues). Expenses for the month were limited to our monthly security expense.

**7:34pm Communication** – What happened with Kelly Stange organizing a CountrySide website? Would someone be willing to reach out to her to see if she's still interested in donating her time to the cause? Due to schedule changes, it was voted that we move our meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, and with the Beacon permanently closed, the location has returned to Minsky's on Main. Regarding the upcoming **Newsletter**, please have your stories to Terry soon.

**7:36pm Safety/Security** – Kathy Arthur reports that there has been a recent increase in crime including a Home-Owners car that was stolen from the street in front of their home. Be vigilant. We have also had a couple of doors kicked in and homes burglarized. KCPD had recently apprehended a man on our streets that was wanted for 10 warrants.

**7:51pm Fall Dumpster Day** – We are targeting the end of October. Joe G to contact Nan Bone at STA's for availability. Do we invite Shred-it and Habitat Restore? Goodwill? Yes!

**7:59pm Emerald Ash Bore** – Do we want to try and limit the damage being caused by this parasite by starting a neighborhood effort? Mike O'Neill expressed an interest in heading up some sort of effort. This parasite is killing all the ash trees in KC, so the city is trying to gain control of this situation.

**8:09pm Sidewalk/Concrete Project-** We had started with almost 100 home owners responding to our sidewalk repair effort. This has turned into a very successful project, with very special thanks to Kathy Arthur for organizing and implementing.

**8:20pm Meeting Dismissed.** Next meeting: September 18, 2013 at 7pm at Minsky's on Main.