

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 1/16/2014, 7:03pm CST
Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main Street.

Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Terry Rodeghier, Jim Kraus, Jason Pryor, officer Brett Parsons

7:03pm- The meeting was called to order.

7:04pm – Security Update provided by Officer Brett Parsons – Officer Parsons asked about any ongoing issues in Countryside. He explained that there have been crime issues on E. 54th Street and that they are aware and observing. Our Enhanced Security Team has conducted 300% more pedestrian checks in 2013 compared to 2012. They also increased citing for traffic violations from 187 in 2012 to 254 in 2013. Residence checks increased from 282 in 2012 to 357 in 2013. Car checks were lower slightly, and there were 5 more felony arrests in 2013 compared to 2012. They also checked on 97 open doors in 2013. KCPD asks that you let them know when you are going to be out of town so that they can help keep an eye on your residence when you're away.

7:28pm Street Car Update - Provided by Gunnar from BNIM. City of KC is looking to expand street car. City is still in evaluation stages but is committed to the idea. There is an update meeting to be scheduled at the Plaza Library in the near future. There will be a vote, hopefully on the November ballot, for the residents of KC to decide. Additional details surrounding this project can be found at www.kansascitystreetcar.com. Gunnar has also agreed to provide a couple of paragraphs for our upcoming News Letter.

8:00pm Treasurers Report – Treasurer Mario Vasquez was unavailable to provide an update.

8:00pm Communications Update – News Letter Articles due by the first week of March. Annual Meeting Date is set for April 15th at Tighe Hall @ Visitation Church. A few months ago, Jim Kraus proposed that the HOA secure the services of a third party to construct and dispense a HOA Neighborhood booklet containing neighbor's contact info as well as well as info for the various businesses in the community. The estimated cost is \$5/home. Additional details will be gathered and discussed prior to making a decision.

8:10pm OLD/NEW BUSINESS – Landscaping/Beautification – the services of Tom Dubbert of the Yard Barber of KC will be enlisted again in 2014. It's time to engage Tom and continue moving forward with both our upcoming project at Westover & Wyandotte, as well as our regular maintenance needs. **Traffic Studies/Whole Foods** – Studies continue to be conducted pertaining to the feasibility of adding Whole Foods at 51st & Brookside Blvd. To date, we understand that Whole Foods and ATA have approved a plan. **Bryant School** - Nothing new on this subject.

Snow Plowing – There was a vote to add salt with each plowing job conducted. The cost to add salt will be \$400 per incident. **Main Street** – Traffic calming will be necessary as a result of the commercial growth on Main Street, and it will be necessary to secure PIAC funding for this project. **CVS** – Kathy Arthur is going to attempt to reach out to the powers that be at CVS to discuss a cosmetic improvement to the exterior of the building, in order to better fit with the new development taking place on Main Street. **Welcome Baskets** - we continue to provide welcome baskets to our new neighbors with the help of Louise from Pryde's Old Westport.

8:30pm Meeting Dismissed. Next meeting: February 19, 2014 at 7pm at Minsky's on Main.