

**Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes** for 2/19/2014, 7:00pm CST

Meeting took place at Minsky's on Main Street.

Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Terry Rodeghier, Jim Kraus, Jason Pryor, Kathy Arthur

**7:00pm-** The meeting was called to order.

**7:00pm Treasurers Report** – Treasurer Mario Vasquez was unavailable to provide an update at the meeting but offered to post the update to our CountrySide website via HA-KC.

**7:05pm – Security Update** – Kathy Arthur informed us that there had been several burglaries in the area recently. Not in CountrySide, but nearby. Pay attention to suspicious vehicles and behaviors. Report anything that seems out of the ordinary. Don't be afraid to call 911!

**7:08pm Communications Update** – News Letter Articles due by March 3. Advertising is available in our newsletters at a rate of \$25 for a quarter page, \$10 for a business card size ad, \$50 for a half page, and \$100 for an entire page. This is our **Annual Newsletter**, which will be mailed. The other quarterly issues are sent electronically. We send this one via mail as required by our by-laws. This insures that all neighbors receive their copy and are made aware our **Annual Meeting** as well as the **elections** associated with our Annual Meeting. This is set for April 15<sup>th</sup> at Tighe Hall @ Visitation Church. This year there will be open seats on the Board which must be filled via vote. Mike O'Neill is stepping away at the close of his term and Kathy Arthur and Jim Kraus have expressed an interest in re-running for their positions. There are additional agenda items for the Annual Meeting, which include Beautification Update, 51<sup>st</sup> & Main Update, Bryant School, Whole Foods, Street Car, PIAC, and the Next Door communication piece, to name a few. **Easter Egg Hunt** – Shannon Pryor is on board to run this event for one final year with the help of Kristi Calkins.

**7:25pm Emerald Ash Boar** – With Mike O'Neill relinquishing his position on the Board, we'll need someone else to pursue the effort of organizing and inventorying those trees in the neighborhood which may fall victim to this pest. Also need to solicit some form of resolution or treatment if possible to stave off this threat.

**7:30pm Old/New Business – Historic District** – The east side of Main has no restrictions associated with belonging to the **National Historic District** as it relates to home modification. Those homes west of Main DO have restrictions because this area of CountrySide belongs to the **Local Historic Registry**. The local registry requires that home modifications be approved in advance of moving forward with said modifications. Case in point: 29 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. Neighbors have complained about non-compliant repairs. **PIAC** – We have not received formal notification yet regarding whether or not our application for PIAC Funds has been approved. We're seeking financial assistance with updating the infrastructure at Main & 51<sup>st</sup> to accommodate for all of the new development taking place in that area. **Sidewalks** – Our Contractor will honor the same prices as last year for concrete replacement and repair, but the cost for stair repair will be increasing to \$5/face foot. This represents a \$1/face foot increase over last year. **CVS** – Kathy Arthur has communicated via email with the Real Estate Manager of CVS for KS and MO. The Main Street Store is not on the list for substantial renovation at this time, so we plan on continuing to push for a cosmetic improvement to keep in line with all the new commercial and retail development taking place. **Next Door** – So far, this web based communication system seems to be working well. It helps to disperse information immediately. **Neighborhood Directory** – the question posed to Jim Kraus is "Is it worth it?" The format is that the directory is built with a binder, containing pages that can be updated over time.

**8:00pm Meeting Dismissed.** Next meeting: March 19, 2014 at 7pm at Minsky's on Main.