

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 9/17/2014, 7:00pm CST
Meeting took place at Nick and Jake's on Main Street.

In attendance: Terry Rodeghier, Kathy Arthur, Joe Grego, Jim Kraus, Mario Vasquez, and neighbor Ted Derks.

7:05pm- Call to order. August meeting minutes approved.

7:05 – Ted Derks discusses crime concerns – Ted wanted to share his concerns over increased crime in the area as well as possible solutions including installation of security cameras throughout CountrySide at key intersections. The Board shared our ongoing efforts into researching this issue.

7:20 - Finance/Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mario Vasquez presented. As of Aug 31, 2014, we have approximately \$80,000 in cash in the bank. August expenses were \$2,200 and included security expenses, administrative expenses and block parties. Larger bills to hit in September include Annual Picnic, monument, and maintenance fee for landscaping (paid quarterly).

7:26 Safety/Neighborhood Watch - Kathy Arthur informed us that there was an auto theft recently. A burglary suspect was apprehended at 59th and Wornall. There was a theft from auto at 66th and Main. We are continuing to investigate the viability of installing a security camera system in CS. The message remains the same. Call 911 for ANYTHING that looks out of the ordinary. Be alert. Pay attention to your surroundings, and take steps to make yourself a difficult target.

7:30 Social/Communications – CountrySide Fall Dumpster Day is set for 10/18 at STA South Parking lot. We'll have a minimum of 2 dumpsters, and hopefully 3. The cost is \$60 each. Volunteers needed.

7:32 Legal / VRBO (Vacation Rental by Owner) in Countryside – The question has been posed by concerned neighbors in regards to whether or not these are legal in KC. As it turns out, we have one in our own neighborhood. The subject of digital signs in residential neighborhoods was also mentioned and discusses. These signs are often seen being used by churches, schools, etc...We will draft and send a letter to our City Council representatives to voice our opposition to a measure of this nature. Especially in an Historic District like ours.

7:41 Main St. Traffic-calming Updates – Neighbors had another opportunity to review and respond to upcoming Main Street Traffic calming plans at KC Public Library on Sunday, 9/14. Bids for the project are coming in at around \$90,000 which represents a \$15,000 difference from the \$75,000 in PIAC funds have been designated for these improvements. It has been said that this bid seems a bit high based upon a per linear foot basis of comparison. This pushes our start date to spring of 2015. The contractor being used is Fahey.

7:51 Old Business/New Business – Does a “No Soliciting Ordinance” make sense? Any news on the Gas Station on 51st & Main? It appears that it is being used as a parking lot for el Centro/Minsky's/Eggtc...CVS Cosmetic improvements? No new news. 5433 Wornall is the property on the NE corner of 55th & Wornall which continues to be a neglected eye sore and is in disrepair – Our Attorney/Neighbor, Mitch Burgess has sent a certified letter but the owner will not accept it and doesn't answer the door. There are warrants out for this home owner's arrest and if he fails to respond to our requests, we will consider bringing a civil suit against him to force him to sell/relinquish the property. 501-C-3. No updates. 51st & Main Development. Making progress, but no new updates on status/completion date.

8:00pm Meeting Dismissed. Next meeting: October 15, 2014 at 7pm at Nick & Jake's on Main.