

Minutes, CountrySide Homes Association Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2015, 7 PM at Pizza 51

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance: Kathy Arthur, Mitch Burgess, Jim Kraus, Jill McGee, Jason Pryor, Terry Rodeghier, Evan Stange.

Election of new officers: Affirmed by acclamation:

President, Jason Pryor

Vice President, Kathy Arthur

Secretary, Joe Grego

Treasurer, Evan Stange

Designation of standing committee chairs:

Communications (email and newsletter): Kathy Arthur, Jason Pryor and Evan Stange

Social (annual picnic, meeting, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th) Joe Grego and Jim Kraus

Safety (KCPD off duty and traffic control) Kathy Arthur and Jill McGee

Maintenance (islands, urns, monuments) Mitch Burgess assisted by Terry Rodeghier.

Meeting schedule for BOD

It was decided that regular meetings of the CountrySide Board of Directors will be conducted on the second Tuesday of each month, 7 PM at Pizza 51 at 51st and Oak. All members will endeavor to attend, but meetings will be held regardless of projected attendance and rescheduling will be avoided. If necessary, special meetings may be called in the event that a quorum is required to resolve an issue.

Annual Picnic

Scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at Westover and Wyandotte. Childrens' activities will be expanded this year and may include the Zoomobile, pony rides, face painting, Kona or ice cream truck and giant hamster balls. Whitney Arthur and Katy Martin will organize childrens' events and Lynn Carleton will be contacted to see if she is interested in assisting. Mark Blanck will be contacted to provide food service.

July 4th Parade

Jason Pryor will coordinate event with Ueckers and Caulkins. Parade route is Visitation school lot down Main to 54th, west to Wyandotte, south to 52nd St, back to Vis. Jason will obtain City permit to briefly close Main Street. This was determined to be necessary due to new configuration of Main St.

KCPD off duty security patrol pay rate increase

BOD was recently notified by Det. Brent Parsons, coordinator of CountrySide off duty patrols of a request to increase the hourly rate of patrolling officers from \$30 to \$35/hr. The prevailing rate for off duty officers as set by KCPD has been \$35/hr. CountrySide has contracted for the past 6 years at \$30/hr. After discussion about the number of patrols (4 four hour shifts per week) and the role of off duty officers, the request was approved unanimously. This increase will result in an additional expense of \$320/month for CountrySide.

Current PIAC traffic calming project at 52nd and Wyandotte

Phase 3 of the CountrySide traffic calming project has received PIAC funding and construction of two raised crosswalks at the intersection of 52nd and Wyandotte as well as a speed hump on 52nd Street east of Wornall should begin within the next few months. Neighbor Christy Hartner will serve as the local liaison, assisted by Kathy Arthur. Masood Alemifar will continue to be the City's Project Manager for the CountrySide projects.

PIAC grant proposal for next funding cycle

Proposals for the 2016 budget are due by August 31st. PIAC hearings have been scheduled for this summer. The hearing for District 4 (CountrySide) is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 16th at Liberty Memorial from 630 to 830. Kathy Arthur will present a proposal for Phase 2 of CountrySide's multiyear traffic calming project. Phase 2 proposes reconfiguring the intersection of Brookside/54th/Westover to reduce speeding cut through traffic. All were urged to attend to demonstrate the neighborhood's continued commitment to this project.

Rosehill Gardens Contract

Board members received a copy of an email sent on 6/9 to Rob Malone, project manager at Rosehill Gardens. The message detailed several concerns about the newly installed landscaping including improper and incomplete plantings. CountrySide HA has not yet been billed for the balance on the account, having paid half the contracted amount as a deposit prior to installation. An onsite inventory of the islands has been requested. No response from Mr. Malone to date. Kathy Arthur to provide follow-up.

Volker Neighborhood Council Update

Meetings of the VNC have been suspended by UMKC Chancellor Leo Morton while he assesses the best course forward for the council. Recent meetings had become unproductive and several neighborhood representatives resigned. Chancellor Morton has scheduled individual meetings with each current and former member.

Traffic Signal at 55th and Main

In the summer of 2014, neighbors near the intersection of 55th and Main raised the question of replacing the existing traffic signal with a four way stop. Wei Sun, City Traffic Engineer, was contacted to investigate the feasibility. After conducting traffic counts, it was initially determined that a four way stop was warranted. However, the City recently decided that a two way stop on Main at 55th was indicated instead. Wei Sun was advised that there was not only no support for the idea of a two way stop, there was significant neighborhood opposition. According to Wei Sun, although the intersection does not warrant a signal, the signal will remain for the foreseeable future.

Next BOD meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th, 7 PM Pizza 51

As there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Arthur