

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 10/13/2015, 7:00pm CST
Meeting was held at Pizza 51.

In attendance: Jason Pryor, Jim Kraus, Joe Grego, Mitch Burgess, Jill McGee & Evan Stange.

7:06pm- Call to order. September Minutes approved.

7:07pm – Finance/Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Evan Stange noted that our balance as of August 31, 2015 was \$62,200, along with \$16,561 in receivables (mostly consisting of annual dues from unpaid residents). Past due late fees continue to carry forward in future billing cycles. We do still have obligations to settle stemming from our Annual Picnic, and those obligations include but are not limited to reimbursing Jill McGee of the CountrySide Board for the cost she incurred from the Ice Cream Truck we hired for the picnic.

7:19 - Communications – Jason Pryor and Evan Stange have updated our Neighborhood Roster and our **September 2015 Newsletter** will be set for distribution very soon. Former President, Terry Rodeghier, had provided a template which made the process a bit easier than starting from scratch. Topics to include Annual Picnic recap, Dumpster Day, Christmas Lighting Contest, Traffic Calming updates, 51st & Main Development and Whole Foods at 51st & Oak. **Dumpster Day** – is scheduled for October 24th, 2015. Volunteers needed! Joe G has arranged with STA and two dumpsters have been reserved via Mario Vasquez w/ KCMO. (There were only two dumpsters available for us on that particular day.) **2016 Annual Meeting** – looking at the second week in April to host this event. Joe G to contact Visitation Church to reserve Tighe Hall.

7:27pm – Traffic Calming – The overall feeling amongst the Board Members and from those neighbors we’ve spoken with seems to be a feeling of satisfaction in regards to our traffic calming efforts. Jill expressed a concern from a neighbor that some of the plantings were “too tall” to navigate around when making turns on Main Street. Discussion ensued. Some agreed with this comment while others did not. Mitch Burgess and Kathy Arthur had conducted a thorough survey of all the common green areas and have concluded that there does remain room for improvement both in reducing the number of plants and in cropping some of those plantings. **New Speed humps** have been installed on 52nd Street & Wyandotte with more to come in that general area. Also discussed was the upcoming arrival of **Digital Speed signs** set to be installed in the new islands on Main Street. In discussing this upcoming phase to our Traffic Calming Plans, much resistance was voiced by various Board Members present at the meeting. A motion was made to postpone the installation of these digital speed signs and perhaps an effort to relocate them to another area in the neighborhood should/could be explored. The motion to postpone the installation of speed signs passed unanimously, with Jason Pryor abstaining from voting.

7:46pm Old Business/New Business – 52nd & Brookside/CountrySide Park – There is the possibility of CountrySide receiving a grant of \$38,000 from Developers at 51Oak which would be used to upgrade our Park at 52nd & Brookside Blvd. A neighborhood meeting was held on September 27th at 5:00pm at CountySide Park in order to solicit ideas from our neighbors on how to best utilize these funds. Suggestions from neighbors focused primarily on safety issues like installing berms or large stone work along the North and East sides of the park in order to prevent the possibility of vehicles leaving the roadway and entering the park area, thus jeopardizing children occupying the park at any given moment. **5433 Wornall Road** continues to present an eyesore to the community. Still being worked on is the thought of Receivership allowing the city to “take over” these properties and preserve the neighborhood. **VRBO** - and other similar “rent homes for the day or weekend” groups are continuing to create a buzz around town. It sounds like restrictions are forthcoming, and as a board we discussed what we felt would be an ideal solution. We all agreed that it would be ideal for daily rentals to be limited to 2 – 4 weeks per year. In any case, we all agree that we’re in favor of restriction on this form of home rental.

8:05pm Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: November 10, 2015 at 7pm at Pizza 51.