

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 11/10/2015, 7:00pm CST
Meeting was held at Pizza 51.

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

7:09pm- Call to order. October Minutes approved.

7:07pm – Finance/Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Evan Stange noted that our balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$54,000, along with \$14,000 in receivables (mostly consisting of \$7,500 in annual dues from unpaid residents). Our Security Cost has increased by \$4,000 in the past year, so we need to consider an increase of \$10/home to cover this cost, going forward. There was discussion about billing monthly for HOA dues, however the extra cost to HA-KC to administer monthly billing would be roughly \$1,600. How about offering “Auto-Pay” with online payments to HA-KC. Evan to check w/ HAKC on monthly online billing.

7:20pm – Communications- HA-KC Updates – Joe G to make sure that HA-KC is current with regards to publishing our meeting minutes. Would also be a good idea to add deed restrictions to the website. **December Newsletter** – News items needed! Due to delays in assembling, the Newsletter will be going out in January instead of December this year. We used MailChip for our September Newsletter and we saw a 52% “open” rate. 330 units were sent. We need updated contact information for our residents in order to have stronger penetration. And going forward, we will continue to provide Newsletters, which will be delivered electronically, other than the March newsletter, which we will continue to send via US Mail as required by the Declarations & ByLaws of the CountrySide Neighborhood.

7:46pm – Social – Regarding our Annual BBQ/Picnic, the reviews are in. The Ice Cream Truck was a giant success. Entertainment was A+. Food was very good. Beer? Kegs vs. cans next year? Yes! Location for 2016? TBD. Discussion took place regarding setting up a potential Neighborhood Update Meeting at the Library to bring our neighbors up to speed on the developments taking place in ad around the area. For our **2016 Annual Meeting** – let’s consider offering babysitting service. **Dumpster Day** – let’s investigate the best dates to obtain/provide 4 dumpsters. Joe G to coordinate with STA on dates for spring Dumpster Day. **Christmas Light Judging** - This will take place on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 and we’ll meet at Jim Kraus’ home and go from there. We’ll do this in lieu of our normal monthly meeting. **2016 Annual Meeting** – looking at the second week in April to host this event. Joe G to contact Visitation Church to reserve Tighe Hall.

8:00pm – Crime/Safety – The October crime report indicated that there were shots fired @ Westover/Wornall. However, there was no evidence of shots. There was also an armed robbery at 59th & Pennsylvania, and a jogger was the victim. There seems to be **a lack of communication** sometimes between UMKC Security and KCPD. Hopefully the parties can improve in this area. The results of which would be a safer environment for all of us.

8:07pm – Maintenance – Bidding is open for our CountrySide Neighborhood landscaping maintenance. We will evaluate proposals as a group and make a selection. Regarding the Main Street Traffic Islands, Project Mgr suggested reflectors.

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. If we are granted these funds, we will then move to the planning stages. **PIAC** - Our request for funding for the next stage of our Traffic Calming Project is currently pending. Deliberations begin on 11/16. Discussion took place amongst the Board regarding signage for the Main Street Islands to include in our PIAC bid. There are 7 islands. Signage is necessary, and decorative signage would enhance the appearance.

8:05pm Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: January 12, 2016 at 7pm at Pizza 51.