

January 15, 2019

**Minutes of the Country Side Homes Association Board meeting**

<b>In attendance:</b>	<u>Officers:</u> Jason Pryor, President Mitch Burgess, Vice President Evan Stange, Treasurer Season Burnett, Secretary	<u>Directors:</u> John Legg Jim Kraus
<b>Absent:</b>	—	Jill McGee

President Jason Pryor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes from the November 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Guest Speaker**

Dundeago Warren, Director of Community Outreach w/ Alenco, re sponsorship of any of our neighborhood association events (*e.g.*, annual meeting, Easter egg hunt, Fall picnic).

- Event Ideas:
  - adult sized Easter eggs filled w/ gift cards, etc.
  - Easter bunny costume (worn by an Alenco employee)
  - Chili cookoff or food judging of some sort
- If they get \$50k in referral business/month, they'll give out \$500 in incentives to Country Side members
- Jason's ideas: Alenco could staff a table at the event during the annual meeting dinner, or at the Fall picnic; Alenco could sponsor an ice cream truck at the Fall picnic
- Alenco's budget – the Board would need to determine what we want to propose to Alenco for them to sponsor

There was general discussion about the idea, preference for supporting businesses who are more directly involved in our neighborhood &/or the immediate area, etc. Mitch moved to reject Alenco from sponsoring an event, but to invite them to advertise in our newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer report (Evan Stange)**

- There was an expense increase for the KCPD security detail from \$35/hr to \$40/hr. Jason requested specific numbers so he can craft a proposal for the annual neighborhood association meeting for a dues increase to cover the additional expense. Currently, CSHA has four 4-hour shifts of security detail (832 hours/year).

Two options to present to the neighborhood association: cut back one shift/week or increase annual dues by \$10/year.

- Query re whether we still receive reports re the shifts worked? Kathy used to receive them; Jason will ask Katherine to obtain current (& past) reports to be shared at the February meeting.
- Jason shared with the Board an email he'd received containing the KCPD officers' scheduled shifts.
- The second item to be voted on at the annual meeting will be whether to send delinquent dues accounts to collections or to wrap dues into property tax collection by Jackson County. Evan will contact someone on the Greenway Fields NA board re what their process was in setting up collection of dues by Jackson County & to see whether it would be feasible for CSHA.
- Budget analysis:
  - Homeowners Reserves – unallocated” line item: Jason asked Evan to get from HA-KC a comparison of dues charged by other neighborhood associations & the services they provide to their residents for same, to aid in our presentation to the CSHA at the annual meeting. Jason suggested that we make an announcement at the annual meeting that a cost-of-living increase will be requested in coming years, even though it won't be requested for 2019.

### **Social / Community (Evan Stange, Jason Pryor)**

- No feedback was received from the homeowners after the holiday lights awards.
- Dumpster days: Evan was advised by the City that there's no flexibility about scheduling dumpsters for any day other than the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of any month. The City will provide CSHA with an extra dumpster at our May dumpster day to make up for the mix-up last October.
  - May 2019 date: 5/25
  - October 2019 date: 10/26
  - Discussion was had re the City's new program of having a trash truck available – the idea was nixed overall.
- Annual meeting (4/16/19): Did Jill reserve Tighe hall for the annual meeting?
- In an effort to get more neighbors involved in Board activities, Evan will post notices/invitations on Nextdoor before upcoming meetings.

### **Maintenance (Mitch Burgess)**

- Holiday tree pickup — There was some confusion re when the pickup would be happening (every day? once within the range of days?). After a couple homeowners asked Tom Galbert to come back, he did. Great customer service!

- Main Street islands landscaping — Mitch has been communicating with the landscaping company.

### **Safety**

- Attempted abduction of a young girl at 53<sup>rd</sup> & Main St. — Excellent police response; apparently the man was apprehended.

### **New Business**

- Annual Valentine's Day appreciation gesture to KCPD metro patrol: It was proposed that the Board purchase cookies. Jason moved that the Board spend up to \$150 for gifts (baked goods, etc.) to be delivered to the KCPD metro patrol. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Old Business**

- Jason has been attending the UMKC Neighborhood Advisory Council lately (they meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every-other-month). He queried Terry Rodeghier re whether Terry would like to continue to attend to represent Countryside in future, but hasn't yet heard back from Terry. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. Jason moved that, if Terry doesn't want to or can't go, Season attend. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Per the Board's previous agreement, Jason purchased and delivered gift certificates to the homeowners who suffered the house fire on E. 55<sup>th</sup> Terrace.
- Jim connected with the Realtor re the house for sale at 8 E. 55<sup>th</sup> which may be being marketed as an investment property. Mitch will provide language to send to the Realtor & homeowners re CSHA deed restrictions, etc.

With no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Season Burnett  
Secretary