

Meadow Crest Estates Board Meeting

August 21, 2010 – 2:00 to 5:00

Location: Home of Pat Cruse

Minutes taken by Marcy James

Attendees:

Pat Cruse - President, Board Member

Marcy James – Secretary/Treasurer

Judi Lazerus - Crime Watch Coordinator, Board Member

Michael Blaylock – Board Member

Ed Walker – Board Member

Agenda:

Discussion and review of letter to neighbors living behind screening wall.

Discussion of vitality grant application.

Discussion of MENA website.

Letters to Homeowners Abutting Screening Wall

The Board reviewed a draft letter to be sent to homeowners living behind the screening wall. (A copy of the proposed letter is attached.) The decision was made to not send the letter at this time. Instead we will complete a full survey of the “red” wall to ascertain how many sections require repair/replacement so that we can state the potential cost (value) to each homeowner affected. The idea is to request these homeowners to pay a percentage toward the matching portion required for a grant based on the number of sections and the projected value. We will work to complete the survey of the wall when the weather is cooler – probably in mid-October.

Pat was also going to contact the Code Compliance officer for our area to discuss the possibility of the department writing a letter to help enforce the need for homeowners’ compliance with donating funds to help pay for the repair/replacement of the wall behind each home.

Mike suggested stating the cost for each homeowner so that they know the value of the Vitality Grant and that they are being given a “gift” in the form of MENA applying for a Grant thus saving them substantial money. The matching portion required will probably be 15%.

Meadow Crest Entrances - Vitality Grant Money

Pat presented a draft copy of the Vitality Grant Application for the Board’s review. A few minor revisions were made to the application. A discussion of the scope of the work ensued and the decision was made to hold off on removing and replacing the 1’ retaining wall at Rochdale in favor of applying the funds toward re-designing the entrance wall to be more consistent in height, signage and landscaping as the other three entrances. In order to do this we will also need to increase the height of two sections of screening wall behind each of the two corner homes on Rochdale.

After a full review of the application, it was decided that we will submit the application to the city as soon as possible. Judi Lazerus will act as secondary contact while Pat is away.

MENA website.

Judi stated that she was working on building a website for MENA. She said that we would try to get some businesses to pay for the website by allowing them to advertise. She said that the website could include neighborhood news, a page for activities, a page for sponsors, and a page for crime watch. Initially we will build a 5-page website at a cost of approximately \$5.00 per month and hope to pay for it through paid advertising.

Board Positions Up for Election

We also briefly discussed that there are four board positions to fill in 2011. Judi Lazerus has decided not to stand for re-election, but will continue to act as web designer and maintain the website as well as continue as a block captain. Ed Walker and Pat Cruse have both served as board members from the inception of the association. Their positions are also up for election. And one additional position that was vacated by Lynette Dick will need to be filled in order to have a full slate of board members.

We will publish more about the selection process about two months prior to the January General Membership Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members on 8/24/10.