

Minutes

Meadow Crest Estates Board Meeting

December 23, 2009, 7:30pm

Location: Home of Jim Troyer

Minutes taken by Richard Bach

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Attendees:

Jim Troyer, President

Pat Cruse, Vice President

Richard Bach, Secretary Treasurer

Jerome Sistrunk, At Large Board Member, Crime Watch Coordinator

Ed Walker, At Large Board Member

Judi Lazerus, At Large Board Member

Agenda:

- Crime Watch
- Neighborhood Infrastructure
- Neighborhood Entrances
- Restaurant Status
- Next Meeting

Crime Watch

- Block Captain Discussion – New block captains: John Harris (Ridgemeade), Mohamed (???), Sandi Schreiber (Fairhaven-Sylvan) ; recommitted: Leta French (Cardigan)
- Out of 13 crime watch areas, 8 or 9 have block captains; the board needs to figure out how to cover the areas with no block captains.
 - **Actions:** Get remaining areas on board.
- Jerome mentioned a crime watch meeting / training for potential block captains was facilitated on 11/7/2009 at Ed Walker's house.
- Jerome distributed the most recent crime watch statistics report which he updates monthly. The board discussed the following:
 - **Actions:** Send monthly crime watch report to neighborhood mailing list; add note / synopsis to report sent out; adding graphs was suggested.
 - **Actions:** Jerome to have access to the email account so he can send crime watch report directly. He can also respond to crime watch related email.
 - **Actions:** Pat is in charge of watching email account. She will notify Jerome of any pertinent crime watch emails so Jerome can respond.
- Jerome pointed out that crime incidents under \$1000 in value are not reported in crime statistics.

Shopping Center

- The noise incident at shopping was discussed. It was noted that the police responded. The problem was the back door to the restaurant was open. Once it was closed the noise was reduced ending noise problem to the satisfaction of the responding police officer. Johnny is working on the problem.
- Johnny offered his new space for the MENA general membership meeting in January. The board decided only the board will meet with Johnny in January. Issues to discuss are the noise, progress on fence (screening wall). The board felt it would be better to do a general membership meeting at the restaurant at a future time, TBD.
- **Action:** Pat to set up meeting between Johnny and board for the 2nd week of January.

Screening Wall behind Shopping Center

- Judi has two quotes.
 - Metal Fence \$44,460 (labor \$11,700) Chain link \$32,000 (labor approx. \$11,700)
 - Metal Fence \$26,745 (labor (50%) \$13,373) Chain link 17,659 (labor (50%) \$8,830)
- **Action:** Judi to get one more quote.
- Put fence on agenda for meeting with Johnny.
- Johnny and Mr. Wang wanted neighborhood to pay labor costs. The board feels we won't be able to raise the funds for the labor and wants Johnny and Mr. Wang to pay the total cost of the fence.

Status of Brick Wall and Entrances

- Jim to contact councilman Latham again about city plans for maintaining neighborhood screening walls.
- The board needs to determine if a neighbor can remove his section of the screening wall in lieu of repairing it.
 - **Action:** Judi to contact city to get the answer.

Next General Meeting

It was decided that the next general membership meeting will be held the last week of January. It will be held at North Garland Branch from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

- **Action:** Jim is to reserve a room at the library.
- **Action:** Pat and Judi are to draft a flyer about the meeting.

Flyers will be distributed to the neighborhood. Board members and block captains are to distribute the flyers. Topics for the meeting are:

- Crime Watch
- Shopping Center status
- Election of new officers
- Brick wall and entrances assessment status

Elections

A brief discussion on elections took place. Four of the seven board positions will be up for vote by the membership. A drawing of odd/even numbers was used to determine the board positions on which to be voted. Even numbers are up for election. Jerome, Richard and Jim's board positions will be up for election by virtue of the draw. Maud's board position is also up for election; she chose not to continue in her board position because she's moving out of the area.

A discussion on how to choose the for officer positions of President, VP and Secretary took place. They were voted on directly at last year's election. A question arose about how officer positions should be chosen. Should all board members be elected at large and the board chooses the officer? No conclusion was reached. A change in bylaws may be necessary. This topic will be undertaken at future meetings.

- **Action:** Jim to review the bylaws.

The board meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

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