

Minutes

Meadow Crest Estates Board Meeting

February 13, 2010 – 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Home of Pat Cruse

Minutes taken by Pat Cruse

Attendees:

Pat Cruse, President

Rex Gifford, Vice President

Judi Lazerus

Mike Blaylock

Lynette Dick

Agenda:

- Crime Watch
- Restaurant Status
- Possibility of Registering MENA as a 501(c)4
- Website Construction
- Identifying a New Secretary-Treasurer
- Next Meeting

Crime Watch

- Judi Lazerus has agreed to assume the role of Crime Watch Coordinator and will complete the necessary application to file with the Police Department.
- We discussed ways to identify more block captains and decided that the board members would meet on March 27 and 28 to canvass the streets that currently have no block captains, signing up members not previously on our membership roster and trying to identify block captains needed to cover remaining areas.
 - **Actions:** Meet on 3/27 and/or 28 and canvass the streets without block captains.
 - **Actions:** Judi will publish January crime statistics.

Shopping Center

- We briefly discussed steps being taken by Johnny Na to control the noise coming from the party rooms. Sound barrier is being added. We are taking a “wait and see” posture on how well he complies.
- - **Note:** The sound barrier has been added and a party held – without any reports regarding the noise issue. A discussion with Officer Rumatz further indicates that there have been no incidents in the bar itself. Overall, it appears that Johnny has gotten the noise issue under control.

Registering as a Non-Profit

Rex provided information regarding registering the neighborhood association as a non-profit organization. After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons, Rex will further investigate whether donations from the neighborhood to the organization would be tax deductible; and what other benefits the association would gain by becoming a non-profit.

Judi will contact an acquaintance to see whether his NA is registered as a non-profit. Pat will do the same by investigating on-line and speaking with acquaintances from other NAs.

There are obvious concerns and this item is being evaluated. We will discuss further at the next board meeting.

Actions: Judi to contact her acquaintance and ask for an introduction.

Actions: Pat will investigate online and talk to other NAs.

Website Construction

Rex has secured several domain names using the Meadowcrest Estates name, (i.e., meadowcrestestates.org; meadowcrestestates.com, etc.) as a donation to the neighborhood association. We elected to use meadowcrestestates.org as our new website. Rex and Judi will investigate the cost for hosting and the software to run the website. Judi will build the site. Funds to pay for six months of hosting will be donated in part by Lynette Dick. Judi presented a draft high-level site plan for the new website.

Actions: Judi to identify software needs and work with Rex to secure it.

Actions: Pat will investigate fees that other NAs may charge to advertise on their website as a way to offset the annual fees.

National Night Out and Fun Stuff

Lynette Dick has volunteered to chair the above. She will work in conjunction with Judi (as Crime Watch Coordinator) to plan neighborhood parties in order to get people out and as a way to continue building our crime watch membership database. A party is being planned for early May.

Identifying a Secretary-Treasurer

Lynette is to speak with John and Tara Fitzgerald about the possibility of one of them volunteering to join the board and serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Next Board Meeting

March 13, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: TBD