

Meadowcrest Estates Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes
General Membership Meeting
January 28, 2010

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Bach
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Agenda

1. Crime Watch Update
2. Shopping Center Update
3. Update on brick wall and neighborhood entrances
4. Election of new officers and board members
5. Proposed amendment to bylaws

Meeting Report.

Meeting was held at the North Branch of the Garland Public Library.
The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Jim Troyer.

Crime Watch

Jerome Sistrunk provided an update on the crime watch. He explained and passed around copies of the monthly crime watch report he prepares covering crime statistics for our neighborhood. He provided an update on the block captain status noting that block captains are still needed for Fairhaven/Sylvan, Wedgecrest and Crestmeade.

Shopping Center Update

Pat Cruse provided an update on the shopping center. She covered the noise issue coming from the bar and grill on occasion. Pat explained that she is working with the owner, Chang Na ("Johnny"), to eliminate the noise issue. Sound proofing is being added to the back wall of the party rooms. Judi Lazerus provided information on the efforts between the homeowners and the shopping center management to get a screening fence erected between the neighborhood and the shopping center. She obtained three estimates for a screening fence and gave them to the shopping center management. She also shared a map she created which shows who is responsible (homeowner or City of Garland) for which parts of the screening walls along Grasmere and Ridgemeade. Copies of the map are available upon request.

Update on brick wall and neighborhood entrances

Jim Troyer told the group about the assessment Pat Cruse prepared regarding the condition of the neighborhood entrances. The neighborhood association has no money to make improvements. A fund raising effort is one possibility.

Election of new officers and board members

An election of officers and board members was held per the current bylaws. Pat Cruse was nominated for President. Pat accepted the nomination. No other candidates stepped forward. The members present elected Pat by acclamation.

Rex Gifford volunteered to run for Vice-President. No other candidate stepped forward. The members present elected Rex by acclamation.

No candidate stepped forward to serve as Secretary. Richard Bach said he will stay on as acting-Secretary until a person can be found to serve.

Mike Blaylock and Lynette Dick agreed to serve as board members. They were approved by acclamation.

After the election, the board consists of Pat Cruse, President; Rex Gifford, Vice-President; Richard Bach, acting Secretary; and "at-large" board members, Judi Lazerus, Ed Walker, Mike Blaylock and Lynette Dick.

Proposed amendment to bylaws

Jim Troyer presented proposed changes to the bylaws regarding how officers and board members are elected. He provided handouts of the proposed changes. Presenting proposed bylaw changes at a general membership meeting is the first step in amending the bylaws. The changes now need to be approved at the next general membership meeting to go into effect.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Attendance:

- Board Members
 - Jim Troyer – President
 - Pat Cruse – Vice President
 - Richard Bach – Secretary/Treasurer
 - Jerome Sistrunk – Crime Watch Coordinator and Board Member
 - Judi Lazerus – Board Member
 - Ed Walker – Board Member
 - Maud Taylor – Board Member
- 24 members were present (including board members)

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the board of directors via email on February 5, 2010.