

Meadowcrest Estates Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes
General Membership Meeting
February 12, 2009

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Bach
Secretary/Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Interim President Jim Troyer at 7:05pm.

Jim reported on the following items

- Progress on organizing the neighborhood crime watch
 - The neighborhood has been divided into blocks
 - Majority of blocks have willing block captains identified
 - Meeting planned within the next few weeks with the block captains to outline specific duties
- Laying of a new side walk along the brick wall on Garland Road
 - Sidewalk now continuous along the entire brick wall from the South end of the Meadowcrest brick wall north to Gold's Gym
 - Planning to investigate what it will take to complete the sidewalk along the Belt Line side of the neighborhood

Pat Cruse provided updates on

- The re-zoning of the commercial property on the North side of Beltline Road at Century Park
 - Councilman Darren Lathen is trying to be proactive in changing the zoning of this tract of land to prevent the development of a shopping center or other type of development that would be disruptive to the residents nearby.
 - Meetings were held by the Plan Commission on January 12 and February 9. The Plan Commission has approved changing the zoning on to tracts 1111 and 1105 (the empty fields) to Planned Development. The zoning on Tract 1113, the bank building, remains as Shopping Center. The re-zoning now goes to the City Council for final vote on March 3, 2009.
- Last October's Block party
 - Pat thanked all those who helped organize the party. We received comments from the neighborhood that they liked having this party and would like to see us have more get togethers like this.

Jim began a review of the proposed by-laws for the neighborhood association. There was about 40 minutes of discussion. Four changes were proposed. They were

- 1) Article IV. Membership, Section 1: Change to indicate up to two members per household. Also change to add "without regard to gender" in the list of eligibility. Also change to add "members can express their desire to join at any time, membership is acquired when contact information has been provided."
- 2) Article IV. Membership, Section 4: Add restriction that member contact information is to be used for Association purposes only, and is not to be distributed or used for any other purposes.
- 3) Article V. Board of Directors and Officers, Section 1: Change to specify 5 directors, with others to be added as the general membership deems necessary. Directors must be added in multiples of two so that the total number is always an odd number. Also corrected the spelling of "ballot."
- 4) Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority, Section 1: Changed wording so that the conduct of business "may" be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, rather than "shall."

The by-laws, with the proposed changes, were unanimously approved by the membership present through a show of hands. Jim will update the by-laws to include the changes and have them sent to the membership via the email list.

With the approval of the bylaws, the meeting moved to the election of board members and officers. A slate of seven candidates for the 5 board positions was presented to the group. Each member present voted for 5 candidates. The vote was taken by secret ballot. Roger Sexton, Neighborhood Planning from the City of Garland being a neutral party, collected the ballots and counted the votes. The five board members elected were:

- Jim Troyer
- Jerome Sistrunk
- Pat Cruse
- Richard Bach
- Ed Walker

The three officer positions were chosen from the new board members by a show of hands. The results were:

- President – Jim Troyer
- Vice President – Pat Cruse
- Secretary/Treasurer – Richard Bach

The three board members elected as officers will serve on the Board for two years (the first year in their officer positions), and the second year as board members. The remaining two directors will serve in their positions for one year. All subsequent board members elected will be for two year terms, with approximately half of the positions being up for election each year.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm

Attendance:

- 31 members were present
- Guest: Roger Sexton, City of Garland Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Group Facilitator

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the board of directors via email on February 19, 2009