

Meadow Crest Estates Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes
General Membership Meeting
July 22, 2010

Minutes prepared by: Marcy James
Secretary/Treasurer

Agenda

- ☐ Vote regarding the proposed amendment to Article V of the Bylaws as presented at the Jan. 28, 2010 general membership meeting.
- ☐ Vote to approve Marcy James as secretary/treasurer.
- ☐ Treasurer's report.
- ☐ Crime Watch update and status.
- ☐ Approval to purchase (3) Crime Watch plaques for entrances.
- ☐ National Night Out.
- ☐ Garage Sale.
- ☐ Vitality Grant.

The meeting was opened by Pat Cruse, President.

Amendment # 1 as published on Jan. 10, 2010 was voted on and passed by unanimous consent of the membership in attendance. A copy of the original Bylaws together with a copy of the proposed amendment is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes by reference.

Vote for Marcy James as Secretary/Treasurer was passed by acclamation.

Marcy James gave the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report Meadow Crest Estates Neighborhood Association July 22, 2010

On May 12, 2010, a deposit of \$461.00 was made to the Meadow Crest Estates Neighborhood Association checking account.

On June 19, 2010, a deposit of \$325.00 was deposit to the account making the total balance \$786.00.

On July 22, 2010, a deposit of \$100.00 was made to the account, making a total balance of \$886.00.

Marcy James
Secretary/Treasurer
Meadow Crest Estates Neighborhood Association

Crime Watch

Judi Lazerus gave the crime watch update. She stated that the board members had gone door to door to introduce themselves. The block captains introduced themselves. Judi reported an incident that happened on Clayton this morning. The police were called. She asked us to be more aware of what was going on in the neighborhood. She said that the block captains had met at Judi's house in April. Eight attended and their roles as block captains were discussed. She said she had been to a crime watch coordinator's meeting and gave several ways to make our homes secure. She said that she would like a crime watch meeting in the fall for the neighborhood. She indicated that she would like some crime watch signs. The purchase of the plaques has been approved and Judi will coordinate ordering the plaques and having them installed.

Introduction of police officers

Neighborhood Police Officer Matt Rumatz and Lt. G. Gregory introduced themselves. Officer Rumatz gave several examples of how the policemen were watching the neighborhood. He told of how they use sting operations to arrest criminals. He asked that we send him email when we need to contact him (for non-emergencies). This would provide documentation on the crime. He said the main times for criminal activity were from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when most homeowners are at work. He said if anything unusual was noticed, we were to call 911.

Volunteers Needed.

Pat Cruse asked for volunteers to help organize National Night Out. She said that volunteers were also needed to host a garage sale and that without volunteers coming forward to organize these activities, we will not be able to have them. Pat also reiterated that the board members are the leadership for the community and as such are here to help, but cannot do all the work themselves. Without volunteers from the community many important activities can't be organized.

Outer wall entrances and maintenance

Pat then gave a presentation on what had been accomplished toward applying for a Vitality Grant to repair the entrance wall on Century Park, the retaining wall on Rochdale and refurbish the plantings and border on all the entrances. She said that after approximately three years of trying to get approval to include the entrances and wall in a Vitality Grant application, the city staff had finally agreed that, since the wall is within a public alley and utility easement intended for use by the general public, it is eligible for application to the Neighborhood Vitality Grant program. She said that while we can apply for grant funds, there is a cost depending on the amount of funds needed. Pat had contacted several contractors for estimates to rebuild the entrance wall on Century Park and repair sections of the red wall. Other contractors will be contacted to secure the best possible price. An estimate for landscaping for all four entrances was also secured. A discussion followed about what parts of the overall project the neighborhood could do utilizing "sweat equity". Pat was to research the amount of sweat equity versus the amount of dollars that can be applied toward the neighborhood matching funds.

It was stated that the decision had been made to apply for a Vitality Grant based on the amount of funds available for the Neighborhood's matching portion of the cost. It would appear that as of the date of the meeting, matching funds (or 10% of the cost) are available to rebuild the entrance wall on Century Park and replace the retaining wall on Rochdale.

Victor Leos from the neighborhood volunteered to research alternatives to the estimates we had received.

Lighting on Meadow Crest Streets

Pat said there are many areas along Meadow Crest Estates that are dark and need street lights. Steve Payne volunteered to research what is needed to add additional lights and repair/replace the existing lights in the neighborhood.

Workdays

A statement was made that any workdays would need to be advertised or published. Pat said that we will continue to provide email communications and will also try to communicate directly with those individuals who have expressed an interest in helping with various projects.

Board Members Introduced

The board members were introduced as follows:

Pat Cruse - President
Rex Gifford - Vice President
Judi Lazerus - Crime Watch Coordinator
Marcy James - Secretary/Treasurer
Ed Walker - Board Member
Michael Blaylock - Board Member

37 members were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on August 10, 2010.