

Walnut Grove Homes Association Board of Directors Meeting, April 12, 2017, at Stark Company

Present: Susan Ames, Gabe Anibus, Elizabeth Fenster, Birgitta Larson Gamez, Diane Littman, John Pinto.

Excused: Katherine Bidwell, Karen Kollath, Eric Lewandowski.

Guest Kathy McComb

Pinto opened the meeting at 6:35 PM and appointed Larson Gamez as acting secretary.

Secretary's Report. : The minutes were amended and approved to reflect April 12 as the meeting date.

Motion Larson Gamez/Fenster

Treasurer's Report: Kollath had e-mailed the board stating that she could not attend and would have a full report at the May meeting. She also wanted help with the returned dues and suggested April 21-23 as suitable dates. She will get in touch about the date.

President's Report: Pinto asked for comments about the Dream Homes write up about Walnut Grove which he had e-mailed to the board. No comments. Dream Homes is a web site that writes about neighborhoods.

Architectural Control Committee Report: Ames presented her report. She has 6 members on her committee, Derek Pavelec, Patrick Delaney, Mark Schmitt, Laura Swisher and Steve Mace. She also reported that Mark Schweiger, 26 Southwick Circle had a question on repairs to a retaining wall between him and his neighbor. She informed him that it was a matter between him and his neighbor. The committee approved a 5' fence replacement at 314 Oldfield Road, home of C. Robert and Hayden McCain.

Greenway's Committee Report: Anibus reported that the greenways were fairly quiet. He was informed of 2 instances of brush at the entrance of the greenway paths in 2 circles. He also informed board members that each circle is entitled to \$40.00 annually for upkeep. He would have a Greenway's Committee meeting.

Communications/Social/Block Captains: Fenster is going to e-mail the block captains, to find out whether someone manages the Nextdoor website. It was suggested that she create e-mail contacts for each of the committees, the president, treasurer and block captains within the Walnut Grove Homes Association web site. It was also suggested that an explanation be added to the web site explaining where the dues are spent and to list the dates of the regular board meetings. It was also suggested that she add a Walnut Grove Board link to Nextdoor for neighbors to contact the board.

Larson Gamez **will work on having the neighborhood web site transferred to the association and will contact Word Press to do so.** She will also give a tutorial at the next board meeting on how to use the e-mail system on the association's web site.

Littman suggested a Spring Fling, sometime later this year. Derek Pavelec is organizing a neighborhood garage sale set for May 19-20, 2017.

The committee members suggested putting together a new neighborhood directory and redesigning it. It was also suggested that a directory be issued to all dues paying neighbors each year. The committee members will look into selling advertising to pay for the expense of a new directory. In addition to present advertisers, the High Point Pool was suggested.

Next meeting on May 10,2017, at 6:30 PM at the Stark Company building.

There being no other business, Pinto adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Birgitta Larsen Gamez, acting secretary