

Minutes of the Walnut Grove Homes Association May 2019 Board Meeting

9/11/19, 6:30 p.m.

Start Company Realtors, 702 N High Point Rd, Madison, WI 53717

Attendees: Katherine Bidwell, Susan Ames, Kathy McComb, Hayden McCann, Liz Fenster, Pam Conrad, Derek Pavelec, Elizabeth Albano

Excused: Davey Phillips, Birgitta Larson-Gamez.

Not excused: Doug Hyant, Molly Hyant

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by K. Bidwell.

President's Message:

- Champion and energize new home owners coming into Walnut Grove.
- Connecting neighbors where there are challenges, including dogs or what can or cannot be done on the circles, and make sure block captains feel compassionate yet energized with responding to things.

Block Captains:

- P. Conrad reported new individuals have stepped up into block captain's role.
- Discussed idea of having babysitting co-op for families.

Communication:

- L. Fenster reported sending directly to printer yesterday.
- Will reissue Walnut Grove database to all block captains.
- Derek, block captain, notices ACC committee covenants and guidelines were not in welcome packet.
- Directory has all covenants and ACC approval process.
- Welcome packet has green folder that lists recycling, garbage pick-up, library information, and neighborhood letter outlining helpful things including local grocery stores.

Misc:

- Derek Pavelec- has helped with annual garage sale last few years. Needs to replace sandwich boards for advertising due to water damage. Sandwich boards run \$60-\$80 per board. Currently have 4, but 2 are no longer functioning. Stagger buying 2 new boards each year, total of 4 new boards.
- Add to next year's budget before annual meeting.
- 3rd weekend in May is next garage sale.

ACC

- If see fence that's not okay, you approach the neighbor. If don't feel comfortable, contact ACC and then Susan will go to the ACC board. If necessary, will be escalated to the Board.

Greenways-

- Circle fund requests- Documentation now tracking circle requests. No history of what was approved.
- Paths- discussed recent resurfacing. Some areas not done satisfactory. Asked to come back and fix. Some areas do look better. D. Phillips is going to contact the company because of the spill

and the greenway path entrance on Farmington on greenway path C. Greenway feels vendor's responsibility, not ours. They have not been paid until the work is satisfactory.

- Hoped Davey would be reporting on legacy planning. He has figures for some of hardscape items and responsibility to city for water and electricity. There is more to be done, and he is going to contact our current woodland management company to see if they would be willing to do an inventory of the trees on the greenways- gives the type of tree, age, state of health and any recommendations of restorations and remediation. Can construct more realistic annual budget. \$750 to take care of one tree. Also ash trees- how many are there and how many treated. In process of getting a more realistic cost for what it would cost annually now with idea what dues need to be with what needed to work.
- Circle A proposal update: Had quote for over a year ago of \$1701.54 to do pruning of the large trees, removal of all trees that shouldn't be there and also the planting of 3 trees. 3 one inch sugar maple. When first discussed it uncomfortable planting 3 of same tree. Approved last meeting. Wanted to have company come out another time to update the quote.
- Davey asked Tim Craine to look into the cost of handrails for 2 places on greenway D and looking into a small oriental bridge to go over the low area on the oxwood path just off the main path in greenway C. Did a rock way retaining wall on rock cover, but still collection of water that carries mud into the area which is hazardous.
- D. Phillips has historical records where board done professional survey of the greenways 10 years ago. 4x2.5 map accurately depicted lot numbers, measurements. Great resource for the board to have. Having it copies accurately and have it dry mounted.

Treasury Update:

- B. Larson-Gamez emailed updates.

Social Committee:

- K. McComb discussed Stonecrest Circle Annual Tailgate Party. Another opportunity to gather together.
- Bonfire? In the decision making. Idea to ask for a donation, for example \$5 to attend.

Communications

- Sent directory to printer yesterday. Waiting for the final quote
- Collected ads. Got extra ad compared to last year. Collected more revenue than last year for ads.
- 355 copies.
- Would need 4 additional pages to add more ads. Maxed out on space and no other individuals expressed interest for ad space.
- D and M. Hyant updated the website. We need a link to the city about city requirements for maintaining a pet.
- K. Bidwell will follow-up with D. and M. Hyant about sharing information with link to the city and will copy the Board on this.

Next Meeting Topic Discussion:

- Talk about increased on Westfield Road. Talk to the city and/or alderman. What can we do and can't do? , talk to the city, skidmore. Going forward what we can do or can't do. Person who goes across the street on regular basis. Had potable sign on westfield. Putting things on the streets. Who do we connect with the city? Increase in traffic. Speed people drive on Westfield. Should contact alderman skidmore about the concerns.

K. Bidwell closed the meeting at 7:38pm

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30pm at Stark Company Realtors.