

AGENDA

Walnut Grove Homes Association Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, April 22, 2012
7:00p.m.

Battaglia Residence
37 Oxwood Circle
Madison, WI 53717

- I. Welcome
- II. Quorum
- III. March 25 Meeting Minutes Review & Approval
- IV. Committee Reports
 - Treasurer
 - ACC
 - Block Captains
 - Communications
 - Greenways
 - Social
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjourn

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes – April 22, 2012

Members attending: Eric Lewandowski, Kathy Raab, Mary Kay Battaglia, Kathy McComb, Eileen Goode, Denise Clearwood and Mary Nellis
Not attending: Tom Wall
The meeting occurred at the Battaglia Residence and began at 7:00 p.m.
The minutes of the March 25th meeting were approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Eric L. gave the report

All authorization has been transferred from Jim Howard to Eric for money transactions.

Liens are being issued in cases where dues are not paid.

There may still be issues related to title companies not giving new buyers the information about covenants.

ACC:

The city gave misinformation about fencing to a neighbor and Denise called the city about our covenants. It is up to the owner to check the covenants when looking at fencing. There are a number of fences that exceed 3 feet in height that have never been approved by the board. The board discussed proposing that if a fence that exceeds the 3 foot rule has to be repaired or replaced that the owners not be allowed to replace it with a similar size fence. The owners must put in writing their plans for the replacement and the ACC board will review it. Also, if a property that currently has a high fence is being sold that the fence be taken down prior to the sale.

Greg in the City Zoning Department advised us to re-write the covenants to make them current. They were written in 1969. We would need to submit a re-write to the alderperson and the Zoning Department before they would be approved by the city.

The members of the ACC board are: Denise Clearwood, Kathy Raab and Greg Peterson.

Bees: The city passed an ordinance on April 4, 2012 that the ACC board needs to review and summarize so this information can be part of the covenants.

If a neighbor requests to install a satellite dish the neighbors on all sides need to agree to the placement of the dish before it can be installed.

Eric felt that we need legal advice to make sure that anything we write in the covenants is legally sound. Could we get help from lawyers who live in the neighborhood?

BLOCK CAPTAINS:

There are conflicting opinions about the on-line vs paper directory. Some people feel that they are not seeing the block captains anymore which gives less interaction among neighbors. Meeting to be scheduled in May with Kathy, Kathy, Mary Kay, Eileen and Eric to resolve the issues.

GREENWAYS:

Oxwood Circle: stump removed

Walnut Grove sign has had some vandalism and needs repair. Jim Howard has offered to repair if we have someone else to remove the posts. (ask Thilverus boys?)

Mark Schmidt concerned about preventing erosion off of Springwood Circle. Eric will talk with him.

Linda Horvath (City of Madison) thought we had a strong proposal for the comprehensive planning grant. Eric will follow up with her after May 1. Eric has spoken to the WG Garden Club about their support for this as well.

There is a need for a Greenways Chairperson. Someone suggested Scott Wittingham as a possibility.

SOCIAL:

Fifty people attended the last social with 4 new families present.

Discussed the idea of having programs with a purpose as part of a social: Police (ride a-longs, 911 center) EMT/MFD, Lussier Center staff, and showcase what neighbors have done with landscaping in place of fencing.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 7 pm. Lussier

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Nellis, Secretary