

# WALNUT GROVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

A. Review of last meeting minutes.

B. Committee Reports:

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1. Treasurer -  
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2. Greenways

a. Greenhaven Circle Improvement Project

b. Winterset Circle Improvement Project

3. ACC

4. Social

5. Newsletter

C. New Business

a. Mailboxes – Eric

b. Nuisance Matters – Eric

c. Garbage/Recycle barrels – Mary

d. Bonfire!!!

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BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Present: Carrie Olson, Eric Lewandowski, Jim Howard, Mary Nellis, Kathy McComb, Tom Wall, Mary Battaglia

Excused: Denise Clearwood, Eileen Goode, Greg Peterson

Treasurer:

Unpaid dues: 7414 Westfield are condos and a resident at that address maintains that there is a condo association that should be paying the dues to us. Carrie will talk with Sue Hendrick about dues for the Whitacre properties.

We need to pursue lien information with the Goodes.

Review of the current budget determined that we are within our budget so far this year. Everyone should get their expenses to Tom Wall so he can keep the books current.

Greenways:

It is not known if all the pavement work is completed near walnut Grove Drive. There seems to be collateral damage (need for grass seeding, fragments of asphalt and gouging) from the pavement work. We need to look into these issues to make sure the company complies with our contract.

Greenway encroachment issues:

There is a firepit behind Whitacre Circle and a clearing behind Oxwood Circle due to kids playing there. Some neighbors enhance the greenways next to their property (gardens, upkeep and mowing) while others degrade the area. It is suggested that a board member make a courtesy call to ask neighbors to restore areas that have been trashed. We support the use of areas for kids to play in but after they are finished the area needs to return to its prior state.

There is a larger allocation for greenway maintenance in the budget. Is this to be used for invasive species in Greenway D? What about the pines in Winterset?

Winterset Circle Improvement Plan: \$500 approved subject to Greg's final review. This proposal and the investment, both manual and financial, of the circle residents (along with the association money) would make a great story for the newsletter.

ACC:

No report

There needs to be an article in the newsletter requesting volunteers for the ACC approval process. Carrie can consult Denise about the particulars. Eric Lewandowski has agreed to be on the committee.

Social:

Bonfire: October 22 with an early start at 4PM with games for kids and a picnic. Encourage people through the listserve and the newsletter to call Kathy McComb if they want to donate wood. Kathy will recruit people to help with other aspects of the event.

Newsletter:

Carrie Olson will be moving in June, 2012. A new person will need to be recruited for this position. Carrie will be sorely missed!!

Jim will write a newsletter piece about use (and misuses) of greenways being used for personal use. He will address the need for the association to have access if we need it and acknowledge kid use and the need for people to clean up areas of toys. He needs to include that areas that are used for personal use will eventually have to be upgraded to return to their initial condition.

New Business:

City will not acknowledge when they knock over a mailbox while plowing. What is the role of the association in advocating for neighbors? Can we put this on the agenda for the annual meeting and talk with the alderperson, Paul Skidmore?

What is the association's role when neighbors cannot resolve nuisance issues? The power of the list serve has proven to be helpful at this point for resolving some of the current conflicts.

Next meeting: Monday, November 14 at Lussier Center.

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Hello Board Members,

Unrelated portion redacted.

I may not attend.

That said, I have a few updates for you.

Matt Schreiner is leading the Greenhaven Circle improvements project. He has a work day for circle residents planned and would like a small notice of this in the newsletter. His letter to circle residents is attached.

Plenty of trees have been removed and/or trimmed over the summer. I need to check on how we are budget-wise for this - Tom may have the numbers (by the way Tom, I had Daniellle drop off a few bills for you this evening). The only project that I have not taken care of is Some over grown branches over the pathway leading in to Winterset that Gregory Welyczko has brought to my attention. A little late on this as I had been away for 2 weeks and then had my surgery - I hope to take a look at it soon.

The pavement project was started last Wednesday and I believe it is completed. Again, I have been unable to get out and check on this, hopefully all is well. The bid was well under budget. Dale had suggested expanding on the work being done but frankly, it was time to get the project completed. There is one area on Walnut grove where dirt needs to be brought up to the level of the path and seeded - it may be a good idea to use some of the leftover money to have this done before the new pavement cracks.

We are still waiting on new fixture heads to complete the electrical work behind Springwood Court.

Lastly, Ken Sadeghian has submitted a second proposal for improvements to Winterset Circle. I will forward that email/proposal to you all and would appreciate your recommendations.

With luck and a good night, we can discuss this all in person.

Greg