

## **NORTHRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 1999**

All five board members were present: Bob Steffes, Brian Sorenson, Neal Loes, Dean Harms, and Carol Payne.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Steffes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brian Sorenson. The minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Brian Sorenson passed out copies of the treasurer's report which was discussed and approved.

Homeowners who have sold their home in Northridge requested that one half of their dues be refunded to them. The board agreed that dues should be a matter between the present homeowner and the new one. The dues should be covered in the real estate transfer and is not the board's responsibility.

Brian discussed a contract for snow removal that has previously been done with Central Iowa Lawn and Home Care for \$75 an hour. The board approved the motion to renew the contract although the service has not been needed for the past two or three years.

Brian has been trying to reach Perfect Cut in Ankeny to winterize the sprinkler systems at the entrances. He will continue trying to contact them because of the reasonable rate that has been offered in the past.

A \$X certificate of deposit came due on September 21. Brian renewed it for six months at the rate of 5.6% interest. Brian will try to combine other CD's as they come due so that there are only two renewal dates annually for them.

The school bus company has requested that walking paths be cleared of snow for school student pick-up during the winter months. The company has changed its pick-up locations to the pathways this year. The board discussed the snow removal and agreed that it would not be practical to remove snow on the six miles of walkways in Northridge.

Bob had a call from a parent requesting permission to set up a tent at the school bus stop for shelter while the children are waiting for the bus in cold weather. Northridge covenants state that no tent should remain up for more than 24 hours in the neighborhood. The board agreed that the covenants should stand without exception.

Dean Ulrichson has given Bob copies of the plats for the first seventeen additions of Northridge. The board discussed whether revision of the covenants should begin now or wait until the eighteenth addition is completed. It was agreed that the changes in the covenants suggested by the committee could begin to be compiled.

Bob received a letter from David Haynes stating concern about the condition of the strip of green space that is across the walkway from his lot. Nothing may be planted in this area because there are gas lines. The grass had been treated for weeds and mowed. It was decided that no other measures should be taken.

Bob also received an email complaint about the lack of trees on some of the lots on Bayberry. The writer was also concerned about a blind spot for vehicles traveling around a bend at too fast a rate. The developers are currently working on contacting homeowners who have not met the landscaping requirements. The list was shared. It was discovered that there are several mistakes. Brian volunteered to check the neighborhood and authenticate the list of noncompliant properties. A letter will be sent to the individual stating that. It was recommended that the letter include information about contacting the safety committee (Terri Loney) and also recommend that if there is a concern, a petition should be made and presented to the Ames police department.

Two letters concerning dog runs that need to be landscaped or hidden from view have been sent. Copies were included with the minutes from September. Bob also noted that the two paths that were in disrepair have been taken care of.

Neal sent Regency Builders a second letter since there was no response to his first letter. He requested a written response from Regency on the lack of compliance with the size restriction covenants on several properties. We will discuss further measures if a response is not received by the next board meeting.

Corrections for the committee liaisons of the board were made for the next newsletter:

- Bob Steffes, newsletter
- Neal Loes, City and restrictive covenants
- Brian Sorenson, welcoming and sprinklers
- Dean Harms, green space and entryways
- Carol Payne, social and safety

The coming Northridge board election was discussed. Bob Steffes and Brian Sorenson agreed to run for another term. Dean Harms will be retiring from the board.

The riverbank fund was discussed. The use of the fund was clarified in a legal document stating that it was to be used to maintain the drain tiles and the jetties in the creek. It is the board's responsibility to monitor the funds. Neal suggested that this board should set policy since we now have the background information on the history and purpose of the fund. The certificate of deposit of the \$X set aside by the realtors for this purpose will come due next June 1. Dean Harms will contact Dean Hunziker, one of the nine riverbank lot owners. He will ask him about his interest in setting up a meeting with Ken Janssen and the other riverbank lot owners to discuss how they would like to use the fund for the stated purposes.

There is a large dead tree falling into the green space between the two bridges. The developers have offered to pay one half of the fee for removal of the tree. The offer will be accepted by the board. Carroll Marty will work with the developers on setting up removal of the tree.

There was vandalism at two entrances on the stone markers. One of Ames High's homecoming candidates for king's name was painted. Bob Steffes was able to scrub most of the paint off. The high school was contacted and the principal assured Bob that the problem would be dealt with. However, the persons did not show to clean up the rest of the paint.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 9, 1999 at the home of Neal Loes.

Carol Payne Secretary