

NORTHRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Steffes at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Neal Loes. Board members Dean Harms, Brian Sorenson, and Carol Payne were also in attendance. The minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Brian Sorenson reported \$X in checking and \$X in ready cash.

Brian has had the water meters removed at the entrance sprinkling systems. The city charged \$25.00 per meter for removal. The board also discussed the sending of annual dues notices to Northridge residents. A notice will be included in the December newsletter. The question of sending notices early to people who left for the winter was mentioned.

Chairman of the green space committee, Carroll Marty, would like to name each bridge. The board approved the naming. The removal of dead trees was questioned. Carroll Marty will assist in removal of any trees that haven't been already removed. Carroll also requested help on Saturday with clean-up of the entranceways such as removal of dead plant matter. The green space committee's landscaping grant has been approved.

Dean Harms did mention to Carroll that the Board is concerned about the maintenance of the present flower gardens and suggested a moratorium of the planting of new flower gardens. Carroll agreed that it would be a good idea to not plant more garden areas.

Dean received information from developer Bob Buck pertaining to the riverbank fund. A letter will be sent to the families along the riverbank from the developers. Dean shared a draft of the letter. Peter Buck has agreed to be the contact person for the board regarding the fund. The fund is currently valued at \$X. Ken Janssen, Engineering Plus, and Bob Buck, developer, are suggested as contact persons if the riverbank homeowners have questions.

Brian Sorenson suggested that the fence application's title be changed to "Application for Fence/Dog Run Installation" and copies be given to Fidella Marty to be distributed to new residents.

Pennington Lawn Service has done the fall application to the Greenspaces. Bob Steffes reminded us that the contract with Pennington will soon expire. The fescue problem was discussed. Dean thought that it can be eliminated if treated at the proper time.

The snow removal contract with Central Iowa Lawn and Home Care was reviewed. There is an increase in fees, however, private snow removal was unnecessary last season.

Brian talked to Dean Hunziker about correcting addresses on the covenants. The corrections have been made. Letters to homeowners who are in noncompliance with landscaping requirements will be sent by Hunziker. Brian will request a copy of the letter for the board.

Dog kennels were approved for Robert and Annette Mangaudis and Jim and Heather Penney. Karen Kruse sent a response to a letter she received about her unscreened dog run. She

mentioned plantings will be made in the spring. A letter will be sent further clarifying the intent of the board that dog runs be screened year round. A letter to another resident concerning an unscreened dog run, Ted and Karen Huitt was discussed. Action was tabled.

Neal received a letter from bob Friedrich on behalf of Northridge developers concerning the houses being built by Regency Builders. All houses have been brought into compliance for square footage requirements. Neal will contact Carol Bousquet, administrative assistant, about including an article in the December newsletter about the concern.

Bob checked into a graffiti sealer to be applied to the concrete markers at Northridge's entrances. Sherwin Williams sells a sealer that can be either sprayed or applied by brush. Bob will do more research on durability and other questions. The board agreed that applying a sealer in the spring would be a good idea.

The annual meeting date was set for March 20, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Carol Payne will try to reserve a location for the meeting.

Ken Janssen prepared a plan for drainage of the green spaces that run behind homes on Evergreen. Paul Wiegand, public works director for Ames, gave the copy of the engineering data to Bob. Bob will return this and ask for an executive summary.

The board agreed that the city should be asked to set up radar approximately once a month at the Aspen-Evergreen intersection and near 3037 Bayberry. There is still concern about speeding and unsafe traffic.

Carol Payne will ask safety committee chairman, Terri Loney, to call the city.

Brian will prepare a spreadsheet for 1999 to present at the December meeting so that a budget for 2000 can be discussed.

Nominations for new board members information will be included in the December newsletter. Carol Bousquet will be asked to check the by-laws so that there are accurate criteria listed. If in agreement with the by-laws, the board would like to have nominations filed with the board by January 15.

Brian would like to have the dues mailed to the post office box rather than hand delivered to his home. He will inquire about previous procedures to Chuck Schmidt, former treasurer.

Hunziker will continue to allow Northridge to use their bulk mail stamp.

Having a professional accountant prepare taxes was discussed and approved. It was suggested that a Northridge resident be engaged if possible.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Dean Harms on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 P.M.

Board members who are available will meet on Sunday at 11:00 A.M. to walk through the woods behind Ridgetop.

Carol Payne
Secretary