

Northridge Parkway Homeowners' Association
Board Meeting April 10, 2001
Minutes

The April 10 board meeting was held at the home of Jeanne and Paul Sosnouski. All board members were present. Other guest included Ames School Superintendent, Dr. R. Nick Johns, School Board member Mary Jane Bastians, and Carol Bousquet, Northridge Administrative Assistant.

- The main topic of discussion was **boundary proposals for Ames elementary schools**. Several proposals (Plan A & B) were reviewed and explained by both Dr. Johns and Mary Jane. After visiting with concerned parents in the Northridge area, Mary Jane expressed that their wish is to stay as a whole Northridge unit and that they would prefer to stay at Fellows Elementary School. Board member Maureen Dockstader agreed, saying that this is what she has heard from concerned Northridge parents as well. Parents were encouraged to attend a meeting on April 11, at 6:30 at the Ames Middle School where Ames school district boundary proposals will be outlined and discussed.
- **Board minutes** and the **Treasurer's report** were both approved.
- **Old Business:** The fencing issue at 3002 Aspen Road has been dropped. No letter will be sent to homeowners
 - A covenant booklet is being prepared by Bob Steffes and will be handed out at a later date.
 - Urban deer issue will be addressed in the April newsletter.
- **New Business:**
 - Northridge Web Page: Carol Bousquet reviewed a proposal from Guardian, Inc. of Ames including layout examples, hosting costs, etc. for the proposed Northridge website. (See attached proposal included with March 20, 2001 minutes.) The Board discussed what information pages might be included along with restrictive covenant pages. Carol will request more information from Guardian, Inc. about costs for posting announcements and newsletters.
 - The Board determined that all fence applications will be turned into one board member who will review the application, making sure it meets all covenants. This member should physically go to the applicants yard and make sure all green spaces are known around the yard. Then bring it to the rest of the Board at the next meeting for approval. In the future the Board member responsible for this activity will be the At Large member who is also in charge of the green spaces. At the present time this is Bob Steffes. All board members can have the applications and should know what the covenants are but should ask the applicant to turn it into the designated Board member. The Board discussed how important it is to review

applications carefully given how easy it is for some things to fall through the cracks such as green spaces not shown on the applications and fences erected within city designated setbacks. This one Board member, it is hoped, will become the Boards' expert by dealing with all fence applications and reviewing for conformity with restrictive covenants. Bob Steffes, Member at Large, was designated to review fence applications prior to Board action.

- A metal “pin finder” will be purchased for easier location of lot pins. Bob Steffes reports that this purchase will be in the \$500 range.

The May Board meeting will be on May 16, at 7 p.m. at the home of Brian and Kathy Sorenson.

Jeanne Sosnouski
Board Secretary