

NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 13, 2007

Board Members

Board members present: Dick Geil, President; Wendele Maysent, Vice President; Tom Huisman, Treasurer; Lois Pedigo, Secretary; Jeff Mann, Member-at-Large. LeAnn Hillier, Administrative Assistant, and Carroll Marty, Green Space Manager, were also present. Kate Sordelet, Member-at-Large, was absent.

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes from May 10, 2007, were unanimously approved. It was agreed that minutes will be posted on the website after they have been approved by the board. Thus, the posting will be delayed by one month.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Mann provided current account balances for the checking and two savings accounts (see attached handout). He explained that the current increase in balance is related to the collection of dues. The biannual report status has been filed with the state and tax ID has been given. Paperwork has been started for the transfer of funds to the Greater Iowa Credit Union. Details need to be completed such as: a letter from the Board President and signatures for accounts.

Approximately 150 people still need to pay their dues. A second notice will be sent out with the newsletter this month. In late July/August, the remaining people failing to pay will need to be called by the board members.

Jeff spoke with Chuck Schmidt regarding completing an audit. Mr. Schmidt would like Mr. Bob Steffes involved as well. They are still planning to coordinate this.

Green Space Manager Report

Carroll Marty submitted some bills from TruGreen for chemical treatments and from Carroll for general grounds maintenance work. Rick Arthur, mower, has contacted him with an increased cost of \$34 per mow due to the increase in gas prices. Carroll noted that Rick Arthur has not increased mowing prices for 3 years. The board approved the increase. There was also a question whether Bloomington has been consistently mowed. Carroll will check on this.

There was damage done to a walkway exiting Moore Park on Park Vista Circle during home remodeling. Friedrich Construction has offered to pay for the damage with two options: patch the path for \$xxx, or apply a 2" overlay that matches the park for \$xxx. After some discussion, the board approved applying the overlay since the path will need work sometime in the future and it will improve appearances. Carroll will contact Friedrich and have the work started.

The board would like to cost effectively budget some path repair work each year. Carroll will contact Manatts to determine how much path could be replaced at \$xxx per year, what would be most cost effective, and provide a predictive model.

There has been a request by a homeowner for benches/resting spots to be placed on the paths periodically. Carroll will check on the costs for benches and concrete slabs. LeAnn Hillier will put a note in the newsletter for people to consider donating money for benches in honor of a loved one, and the board will pay for installation.

Mailboxes

Lois Pedigo reported that the cost to replace a mailbox in the standard design is \$220-250 each. Chad Strohmman (460-7322) is the contact for constructing mailboxes. The board decided there would be some resistance to requiring people to spend this amount on new mailboxes. Thus, a reminder to repair broken mailboxes and contact information will be put in the newsletter. Rudy Lee Dryer did the Somerset entryways at a cost of \$xxx each.

Summer Social

Lois Pedigo reported on the summer social to be held on July 11 at the Big Blue Stem Shelter at Moore Memorial Park. Ames Park and Recreation has been paid for the shelter reservation. Coldstone Creamery can provide various ice cream treats for \$xxx/person including set-up (i.e. cups, napkins, spoons) and the ice cream. They require a 50 person pre-pay (\$xxx), will use individual tickets, and will expect to be paid at the end of the event for any additional balance (more than 50 tickets). The board approved using Coldstone for the ice cream. The band The Dixie Slicks will provide music for one hour and requires pre-payment. Dick Geil will have signs made for the entry and will post them. Lois will purchase nametag stickers and markers for people to make nametags at the ice cream ticket station.

E-Mail

According to Jeff Mann, approximately half of the homeowners' e-mail addresses have been entered into the database. Most of these were received with dues payments. A registration/contact information form has been posted on the website by Dan. A survey has been constructed regarding issues such as entryways, lighting, North 40. This will be e-mailed with the newsletter to those with addresses and U.S. mailed to others. Carroll will post the ballot boxes near the entryways for survey responses. We will attempt to get the remaining addresses through dues collections, website, and survey. Dan has volunteered to maintain the e-mail database.

Committee

Wendele Maysent reported on the current committees. He contacted members listed on the Green Space and Welcome committees and determined whether they still wanted to be involved. The new member lists will be published on the internet site.

Requests

There has been a request that a fence be removed from a house on Sycamore (is unoccupied and for sale for at least a year) because it is too close to the path and violates

the covenants. The board agreed that this fence was approved in the past and thus cannot require the seller to remove the fence.

Two basketball court requests have been made (one on Ridgetop Road and one at the corner of Bayberry and GW Carver Roads). Both are within the covenant guidelines and were approved by the board.

There was a complaint by a neighbor about a camper being parked on a driveway for over a week at 3020 Northridge. Dick Geil will contact the homeowner to remind him of the covenants and request the camper be moved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The July meeting has been canceled, as it is the night of the summer social. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 7 p.m., in the Greater Iowa Credit Union meeting room.