

Northridge Homeowners' Association Board Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2008

Members

Present: Roger Thompson, President; Wendele Maysent, Vice President; Dick Geil, Treasurer; Kate Sodelet, Secretary; Heather Penney, Member at Large; Carroll Marty, Green Space Manager; Danny Staedtler, Web Manager.

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The April Meeting Minutes were presented and were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Geil distributed the April 2008 financial statements. The invoices listed below were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Approved Invoices:

Tribune Ad for Garage Sale - \$20.00

Ames Park & Rec for Moore Park Shelter Rental (NR Social) - \$22.00

Late Fee for IRS - \$72.60 (*Taxes were due March 15th instead of April 15th*)

Ban Service Fee - \$ 5.35

Carroll Marty Construction - \$1009.58 (*removed willow tree, grass seeding, weeding, chipped wood & mulched, down limb clean-up, removal of dead crab trees, etc.*)

Dick Geil indicated that he has been able to collect all dues, which were due February 1, 2008. During the dues collection process; he also collected \$285.00 in late fees. He noted that the Northridge Homeowners' Association needs to pay taxes before March 15th and not April 15th. Last year the taxes were paid after March 15th so he needed to pay the IRS a \$167.00 late fee for the 2006 tax year and a \$72.60 late fee for the 2007 tax year.

Chuck Smith will be performing an audit of the Northridge Homeowners' Association's financial documents.

Green Space Report

Carroll Marty presented his invoice for many work activities that were conducted during the past month. These activities are briefly described above in the "Approved Invoices" section. He indicated that True Green has put on the 2nd application of weed control and fertilizer. A bill will be coming in from True Green. Carroll submitted a lawn mowing invoice (\$303.88) from our lawn mowing service. Also, Tom Huisman will be taking care of treating the Northridge ponds again with color control.

Carroll Marty's upcoming projects include: removal of a willow tree on Willow Walk and grinding down bumps that are occurring in the pathways. He plans to fix the pathways (level paths) that abut several bridges. He is also

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checking on the solar light at the North entrance as is flashing. In the North 40, several red bud trees may be dying and may need removal. Carroll will also be talking with the City of Ames on animal control issue.

The Board discussed the idea of setting up a spraying program for Northridge's crab apple trees. It appears that these trees would benefit from an annual application of a fungus control spray. Carroll Marty will look into the cost of buying a sprayer for this purpose.

Kate Sordelet noted that the Green Space Committee plans to perform a walk-through on June 7th at 10:00 a.m. The rain date is scheduled for June 21st.

Old Business

Regarding last months request for a fence/shed; Roger Thompson spoke to the homeowner and let him know that the covenants did not allow a fence on his lot due to a gas line. Also, the Board did not approve the shed due to the size planned. At this point this item is closed.

The Board discussed the idea of passing several standard policies regarding core neighborhood covenants. These policies would be passed to make the existing covenants more consistent in regards to fences (10 feet/6 feet rule), the building of sheds/dog runs (size and screening), etc.

The Board discussed the final plans for the Summer Social. The Welcoming Committee will take care of tickets, name tags, sign-in sheets and greeting residents. Dick Geil is taking care of reserving Cold Stone Creamery for the event and has booked the entertainment. A sign for the Summer Social will be placed at the entryway approximately two-weeks prior to the event (July 9th). Also, a reminder email will be sent to the Northridge Email Distribution List prior to the event. Board members will handle any clean-up needed following the event.

New Business

Roger Thompson spoke to Chief Petersen and Deputy Chief Sadoval regarding a proposed Firehouse. The Fire Department's EMS target is four minutes and their fire response time is five minutes. Currently, the Fire Department response time to the center of Northridge is approximately 6.5 minutes. The Fire Department is interested in input from Northridge residents regarding the location for the new Firehouse. Roger Thompson will draft a letter to Northridge residents encouraging them to provide feedback on this important issue.

Several residents provided input on signage at the entrances to Northridge, e.g., poor looking signs, signs displayed too early for events, etc. The Board discussed these issues and decided that event signs will be put in place two weeks prior to

an event and will be taken down following the event. Also, the sign that provides the Northridge web page URL will be taken down for now and will be put in place just several times during the year.

The Board discussed the distribution of future Northridge Homeowner Association Newsletters. First, future newsletters will be updated on the Northridge web page then an email will be sent to residents that provides a link to the Northridge web page. Currently there are ~133 missing email addresses from the Northridge Distribution List. The Board plans to ask the Welcoming Committee if they would take on a "communication initiative" of visiting each resident who has a missing email address to see if they could obtain it for the email distribution list.

The Board discussed the problem of several thefts in the neighborhood and will monitor this issue, in case an informational update needs to be sent to our residents.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.