

Northridge Homeowners' Association

Board Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2008

Members

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

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The May Meeting Minutes were presented and the spelling on an individual's name was corrected. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

Approved Invoices:

True Green - \$xxx

2006 IRS Late Fee – \$xxx

Arthur's Mowing Service - \$xxx

Carroll Marty Construction - \$xxx (*replaced three pear trees, weeded garden entryways, pulled wild trees in ditches, worked on repairing solar light, cut down a dead white pine tree, mulched tree branches and spread mulch on North Entry Way.*)

Dick Geil indicated that he will be contacting Chuck Schmidt regarding scheduling an audit of the financial reports. Dick also indicated that he received a homeowner dues check, which appeared to be a duplicate; therefore, he was planning to contact the homeowner.

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.

Arthur's Mowing indicated that they will be increasing their charges due to the price of gas. Carroll is working on the solar light problem and will try a new battery. Also, he plans to construct a shield to go around light cell to see if that helps correct the blinking solar light problem. A new battery may cost approximately \$25. Carroll mentioned that several cables are crossing over our Northridge Pathways and Roger Thompson indicated that he would contact the homeowners to ask them to contact Mediacom to have their TV cables buried.

Kate Sordelet indicated that the Green Space Committee did not perform the walk-through to identify trees needing pruning. Therefore, the next walk-through is scheduled for June 21st.

Old Business

Ice Cream Social

Dick Geil confirmed the pricing with Cold Stone Creamery for the Ice Cream Social. The ice cream sundae will be \$2.50 each and this includes the ice cream cups, spoons, napkins and ice cream toppings. Cold Stone charges \$40 to set-up and \$10 an hour to host. We are estimating that we will have 250 attendees; the cost is then expected to be \$xxx with tax. A board member will contact the City of Ames to have the park sprayed for mosquitoes prior to the event. Roger Thompson will send out an email reminder on the Ice Cream Social approximately a week before the event.

Location of proposed Fire Station

Roger Thompson sent out an email asking for input from homeowners regarding a proposed new Fire Station. Roger indicated that he did not receive very much input from the Northridge homeowners on this issue.

Northridge Distribution List

The Board discussed having the Welcoming Committee assist with updating the email distribution list. The Board hopes to collect outstanding email addresses as homeowners check-in at the Ice Cream Social. The Board also will ask the Welcoming Committee if they would be willing to personally visit with homeowners who do not have an email address on file with the Homeowner Association.

Update on Thefts

At the Ice Cream Social, Mike Arkovich of the Ames Police Department spoke with board members about past and current burglaries. Mike is one of several officers who patrol Northridge Subdivision during the wee hours of the morning. He observed on any given night, there are 12-15 garage doors standing wide open. Cars with visible valuables are parked, locked and unlocked, on side streets and in driveways. Roger Thompson shared this information with the Northridge Association via an email.

Board Policies

Regarding drafting Board policies to help ensure more consistent information, this will be discussed at our next meeting as Wendele is working on this issue.

New Business

Request for Pet Fence

Roger Thompson presented a request from a resident regarding installing a small pet fence. The Board reviewed and approved the request. Roger will notify the resident regarding the approval.

Sprinkler Termination Procedure

Carroll spoke with Monty Gibbs regarding the Irrigation System and the required backflow test. Gibbs is going to supply an estimate as to the cost of having the valve shut off at the main. Then the Board will then decide on how to proceed on this Irrigation system issue.

Drainage Problems within Neighborhood

Carroll corrected a major problem regarding two clogged drains in North 40 and by the little pond. These needed to be corrected quickly due to rising storm waters in the areas. He contacted the City of Ames and they tried to blow the clog out but it was unsuccessful. Carroll decided to then make a rod with a hook and he personally dug the clogs out. The clog was significant as it included such debris as a large rock, a hunk of concrete, a broken skate board, etc.

Carroll discussed the email regarding accumulating water between two homes on Aspen Road. Apparently these two home lots were built up and do not allow the water to drain properly and the cost to fix this issue will be the burden of the homeowners. Carroll Spoke to the homeowners regarding how to fix the drainage issue.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.