

DRAFT MINUTES

STRATFORD GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

The quarterly meeting of the Stratford Gardens Homes Association was held at Colleen Kennedy's home, President of the Association. Colleen called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Colleen welcomed our new board member, Sal Monteleone. Also in attendance were Raphael Suarez, Nick Scielzo, Tom Sutter, Woody Underwood, and Phyllis Wilson.

The minutes from the last meeting of June 15, 2009 were read. Tom moved and Woody seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Nick reported that the financial statement was the same as it appeared in August.

Assets of \$ 77,860.52

Liabilities of \$2,706.40

Reserves—Retained earnings-unallocated \$30,035.19 Retained earnings—Directories-\$ 2,000
Retained earnings-Capital Improvements-\$ 5,631.20, Retained Earnings-Association Dues \$ 8,903.05,
Current Earnings \$ 28,584.68

Total Reserves of \$75,154.12

Total Liabilities and Reserves \$ 77,860.52

Discussion followed as to how much is needed to be held in reserve. Nick reported he will check with Fox Foxworthy of HA-KC to see if we should continue to build reserves. Tom asked about island property insurance. Phyllis suggested we wait to change how the reserve account is managed until after the 63rd St. island is complete.

It was reported that 12 households have not paid dues. Four houses currently have liens placed on them. Nick voiced that we need to be consistent on the placing of liens for unpaid dues. Two more houses should have liens placed on them. Nick will send out letters to all of them saying that they have until the end of our fiscal year to bring their dues current.

Islands

Raphael reported on the islands saying the water bill to date was almost \$1,000 to keep the sprinkler system irrigating the islands. He also said that to power the fountain , electricity is needed which must

be run underground and needs a separate meter. It was noted that the city has a fountain committee. Roger said that the main expense is in the irrigation of an island.

Colleen reported that dead or dying bushes at the common area of 63rd Terrace had been called in by the resident who lives at 1260 W. 63rd Terrace. Raphael will investigate the replacement of these bushes.

Jennifer King, former board member, Colleen reported, had \$200 donated for the islands in memory of her brother. Raphael will look into replacing the dead or dying shrub roses at the 60th Terrace/Huntington island with this money.

Raphael reported that so far this year \$1900 has been spent on island maintenance.

Social

Octoberfest is to be held on Oct. 3 on 61st Terrace between 4:30 and 8 pm. We will provide beer, brats, and music. There will also be a firetruck, tables and free baby-sitting. The rain-date is the next day Oct. 4.

Benny Lee will again host the Holiday party in December . He will provide food and the Homes association will provide security, alcohol, bartender, and valet parking. Woody is working with Benny to secure a Thursday night in December for the party.

New Members

Tom reported there are 3 new members. He will be working on the Directory this fall with the Directories going out to the membership in November or December.

Communication

Colleen sends out regular emails concerning crime reports and other neighborhood news.

Streets

Woody said that snow-plowing will be done by the same company this year at a cost of \$2,000 for the season—no increase over last year. He will check on what streets are done by the city and call General Services.

Sal suggested the KIVA system on the city website should be checked for information about emergency routes and other matters regarding the neighborhood.

Security

There was one reported burglary according to Officer Parsons. Also, there was discussion about the suspect, Mr. Simmons, being held on numerous burglary charges. Those who attended the hearing should not be concerned that they would be singled out by this suspect as he has written a letter to a resident who he recognized but not to other people attending who he does not know.

People selling magazines need to respect the No Soliciting stickers, and residents should call the police if their house is approached.

63 Street Island

The PIAC island renovation is ready for bids as the city has released the funds to begin work. Hoffman Cortes, according to Roger, is the contracting company. Bids will be solicited for the work. It was reported that the island is plumbed but has no electricity.

Survey

Results are in from the survey Nick sent out. Most people seem pleased with the job the HOA is doing and would like to continue the annual meeting at Mission Hills or the Carriage Club.

There was discussion as to which streets responded and which streets should be encouraged to be more involved. Consensus was that an annual meeting, a Holiday party, a garage sale, Hazard Waste disposal, security, and communication was all that is needed at present.

Roger went to the Hazardous Waste event for Stratford Garden. It cost the association \$40 for us to participate.

There was some discussion of speed bumps, speeding, and police supervision on some streets. Also Colleen will call Action Center concerning dilapidated and vacant house lots.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes recorded by: Phyllis Wilson

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