

**Blue Hills Homes Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Harry Crawford, at 7:05 p.m.

There were 41 members in attendance. The following topics were discussed:

- a) Speed humps on St. Andrew. It was explained that 85% of all vehicles have to travel faster than 32 mph during a traffic study before the city would install speed humps. A member suggested that the Board look into reducing the speed limit on St. Andrew from 25 mph to 15 or 20 mph.
- b) Identity theft. The members were reminded about the dangers of placing outgoing mail, containing checks, in their mailboxes for the Post Office carrier to pick up. One member reported that a police department representative told him that 5 people in our area had mail stolen from their mailbox in the past month. Members were also advised that someone had stolen a trash bag from at least two homeowners' driveways, presumably so the thief could search the trash bags for identifying information in order to steal an identity.
- c) Snow plowing. The discussion centered on cutting costs by plowing only when there is at least 3 inches of snow and soliciting bids to try to reduce the cost of each plowing.
- d) Shed. The members were advised to notify any Board member if they observe a shed being erected on a homeowner's property, as sheds are not allowed per the Homes Association declaration. The most recent shed was erected before the Board reacted so it was too late to force the homeowner to remove it. The homeowner has agreed to plant shrubs so the shed can't be seen from the street.
- e) By laws. Chipp Nelson presented information on the terms and term limits of Board members. The concern is that if we have a lot of Board turnover, important information is not passed on to new Board members so decisions are made without all the historical information available.
- f) Election of Board Members. Herb Gronemeyer and Jim Rendina volunteered to join the Board of Directors, replacing Richard Watson and Chablis Brendel who have both served four years on the Board and due to term limits could not serve any longer. A motion was made and seconded to elect Gronemeyer and Rendina to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor. The President and Treasurer both thanked Chablis and Richard for their 4 years of dedicated service and presented each of them a potted mum.
- g) Treasurer's Report. Jim Tichen presented the financial results for the previous 12 months ending June 30, 2005 plus information on income and expenditures and Balance Sheet information from 1997 through 2005. If anyone who was not there wants a copy, call Harry Crawford and he will forward a copy to you. Jim noted for the members that due to reduced snowplowing expenditures and because volunteers maintained the islands this past year, there was a surplus of \$3,464 at June 30, 2005. Jim also pointed out that our cash reserves are now \$11,700. At the current time, we have the excess cash invested in two CDs, one for \$6,039 and one for \$5,600.
- h) Island Maintenance. The President thanked the 6 families who maintained the islands for the Homes Association this past year. They are:
 - i) Island #1 Henry and Nina Marsh
 - ii) Island #2 Herb and Betty Gronemeyer and William & Elizabeth Kryger
 - iii) Island #3 Jim and Becky Wilson
 - iv) Island #4 Kermit and Irma Shaneyfelt
 - v) Island #5 James and Marlana Vaughan and Ron Parker.

Each family was presented a gift card from Lowe's as a token of our appreciation. It was also mentioned that Judy Jackson has agreed to maintain the pair of islands at the corner of Burning Tree and St. Andrew Drive this current year.

- i) **ROMEO Club.** An announcement was made regarding the attempt to establish a "Retired Old Men Eating Out" group. This group would not have any affiliation with the Homes Association, but is being formed in an attempt to encourage men (women were included during the discussion) who are on their own to go out to a restaurant once a month for a meal. Hopefully this would result in members meeting other members of the Homes Association. For further information, call Harry Crawford at 943-0272.

The meeting was adjourned. Members took a short break and then reassembled for the Special Meeting called to vote on a dues increase for the year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

During the break, the new Board of Directors met and elected the officers for this year. The new officers are:

President	Harry Crawford	943-0272
Vice-President	Chipp Nelson	941-3383
Secretary	Karen Nelson	941-3383
Treasurer	Jim Tiehen	941-0586
Director	Herb Gronemeyer	941-0786
Director	Jim Rendina	941-7631

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Special Meeting to Consider Dues Increase
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The meeting was called to order by the President, Harry Crawford.

Members were advised of the requirements necessary to increase the base/default annual dues of \$25 to any amount higher than that. The requirements are that any increase between \$25 up to \$50 required a majority vote of the homeowners present, with only one vote per household allowed. Any increase between \$50 and \$75 required a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote with only one vote per household allowed.

There was a spirited discussion regarding island maintenance and several homeowners were in favor of increased spending to freshen the islands. Most of the volunteers agreed to continue maintaining their island provided that the Homes Association paid for necessary supplies. The Board is to investigate all possible means of improving the islands with more flowers, shrubs, etc. The Board indicated they were very receptive to receiving suggestions on how to improve the islands and any information on trees or shrubs that needed extra attention or removal. Henry and Nina Marsh volunteered their home for a meeting of anyone interested in pursuing ideas on how to improve the islands. You can contact them at 941-3715.

A motion was made and seconded that the annual dues be maintained at the current \$60. All but two members voted for the resolution; therefore the dues for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 will be the same as the \$60 dues for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.