

August 13, 2014 Meeting

Blue Hills Homes Association Board of Directors

In attendance: Jim Wilson, Jim Rendina – new members Greg Morlan, Joe Quinly and Dan French

Items discussed:

1. Election of officers for 2014-15 was held and the results are as follows:
President = Jim Wilson
Vice President = Greg Morlan
Treasurer = Jim Rendina
Secretary = Dan French
At Large = Joe Quinly
2. Snow removal. Contract will be done in September. Joe checked with the City and they state that Blue Hills is now, "on the grid" for city services with snow removal, the huge question here is when they would actually get to our neighborhood and what would they do given past experience with the city. It was decided that we would stay engaged with the city and also proceed with a contract for private snow services. Joe is going to get a second bid if possible to compare to the bid we get from Rose, who has done the work for several years. We also discussed care in making a decision as if we were to dismiss Rose and then need them back, it would be difficult to obtain their services again. The idea in this approach is that if the city were to actually plow our streets, we could benefit from two passes of the snow plows which would open our streets up for better traffic flow, especially since we have no sidewalks. Joe and Jim Rendina will coordinate the snow bids and e-mail those to the rest of the Board prior to approving a contract.
3. There was discussion on having a get together for the whole association, all 153 homes and where that might take place if we did it. The decision was to wait and see how the upcoming ice cream social goes and then determine how to proceed on this matter.
4. Greg volunteered to take the lead on researching signs for the neighborhood alerting drivers to children playing in our area as well as updating the decades old "Neighborhood Crime Watch" signs.
5. Long discussion took place on the directory. There are only three directories left in print to provide to new residents since the 2011 printing. Dan will research with KC HOA if our association would have access to a secure website within the overall KC HOA website where we could post our directory information and password protect it, thus allowing it to be current and easily accessible to our residents. If we were to print a new directory, it would be out of date by the time printing was completed, and depending upon the success of getting businesses to advertise in it, the cost would exceed our budgeted line items for this year. This issue will be discussed again once the Board meets in the near future.

6. Newsletter discussion coincided with the directory as we believe advertising would be more successful using the Newsletter and making sure it is published quarterly, gaining more advertisers than for the directory and making the cost of Newsletter publication less. Currently four versions a year of the Newsletter cost \$600, research on this topic will allow us to make a more informed decision on both issues in the near future.
7. Currently Blue Hills only has "one" home with unpaid dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35P and follow up items will be e-mailed to all Board members as soon as possible and the anticipated next meeting of the Board will be in late October or early November.