

## **INDIAN FIELDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING NOTES ~ ANNUAL MEETING**

The Indian Fields Homeowners Association convened the annual meeting at Homestead Country Club on Thursday, May 21. 2008 Board members in attendance included Margie Cummins, Terry O'Toole, Leslie Stelzer, and Tim Laughlin.

Margie Cummins, outgoing President, opened the meeting by welcoming neighbors to the meeting and thanking Homestead for the accommodations.

Terry O'Toole spoke next. Terry recognized outgoing Board members: Margie Cummins, Leslie Stelzer, Tom Steadman and Mary McBride. Next, the new Board was presented to the constituency.

Board members with one year remaining on their term include:

Terry O'Toole  
Molly Danciger  
Tim Laughlin

Board members with a two-year remaining term include:

Denise Jackson  
Scott O'Brien  
Jim Bell

New Board members, with three year terms include:

Sue Ann Heim  
Mark Lieb  
Sarah Bogdan

The new Board was approved.

A financial overview was presented by Tim Laughlin (financial statements are attached). Tim indicated the financial condition of the association was strong. Collection of the annual dues has historically been and is projected to be good, there is virtually no debt on the balance sheet, and the Association generated a \$2,378 surplus during the 2008 fiscal year. Moreover, it was noted that the contract for island maintenance had been re-bid. A savings of \$2,237 will be recognized on this line item during fiscal year 2009.

No questions were asked from the audience regarding the association's financials.

Next, new residents were recognized.

The meeting concluded with Terry O'Toole reviewing questions submitted by residents to the Board as topics that they (the residents) wanted discussed during the meeting. A synopsis of the questions and answers is presented below.

1. Can speed bumps be installed in Indian Fields?

Yes. However, speed bumps are not a matter to be handled by the IFHOA. A speed bump is an issue to be handled between individual neighbors and the city. Terry outlined the process for getting speed bumps installed (i.e., neighborhood polling, traffic studies, and other speed control alternatives considered). The city pays for construction and maintenance. If neighbors decide not to keep the bumps, they are responsible for the cost of removal.

2. What is the status of the Indian Fields "Home of the Month" recognition?

The program has been reinstated. It was also noted that residents should send nominations to the Board. The 2009 Board will consider nominations and make awards periodically.

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#### 3. What is the status on the island maintenance program?

The island maintenance program has been bid out and the cost have been cut significantly (almost in half). McMurry Brothers has been selected. All islands have been adopted by residents. The Board will reimburse residents for flower and plants (up to \$100). The Board will also reimburse any neighbor that makes their water available for island watering (up to \$50 / year). If a more significant improvement (i.e., a bench) is to be added to an island then the plan should be presented in advance to the Board. It was also discussed that the main island needs to be upgraded; improvements will be considered by the 2009 Board. The 2009 Board will also consider adding water irrigation services to additional islands.

#### 4. Could / should there be more written communication?

Yes. In 2009 the Board will issue at least twice a year an update on what is going on in Indian Fields. Moreover there will be "contact information" made available so that residents will be able to contact Board members and city personnel as needed.

#### 5. Is there anything that can be done with the island at Mission and Homestead; it has been vandalized with paint?

Yes. A Board member has agreed to attempt to clean and remove the paint. The city can also be contacted in connection with island statutes matters. It was noted that it is important that we (the neighborhood) need act quickly to counteract graffiti/vandalism.

#### 6. What should I do if I think a neighbor has a code violation?

Code violations should be handled by the city, not the IFHOA. The city's number 913-385-4605 and website ([www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com)) were provided.

#### 7. What authority does the Board have over new construction in the neighborhood?

Prairie Village Mayor, Ron Shaffer helped answer this issue. According to the mayor each new home is required to present plans to the Board. Also, it was noted that the neighborhood association and the city may have different rules, constraints and restrictions related to new construction. The IFHOA does have the power to file a lawsuit in order to stop construction projects falling outside the parameters of the IFHOA building restrictions.

#### 8. Could there be a neighborhood watch program initiated?

The 2009 Board will review this initiative. The residents were reminded to keep an eye out and call 911 if help is needed.

#### 9. Would having a company uniformly paint street addresses on the curb be considered?

This is a project that will be reviewed and considered by the Board during fiscal 2009.

Other questions that were discussed included:

Neighborhood Directories...It was noted that directories should be completed and mailed during the summer of 2009.

Block Parties...The City will need to be contacted. (The hosts will need to get approval for road closings from the city and the city will help with blockades.) The Board will reimburse up to \$100 for the meat grilled at a neighborhood party.

Facebook...It was mentioned by a resident that setting up a facebook site for the neighborhood may be beneficial.