



MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2012 7:30 PM

Lieb Residence

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Attended by Mark Lieb, Heath Anderson, Bob Bates (7:45), Sue Ann Heim, Cooper Weeks, April Crosser, and Steve Coon. Bill Malouche also attended to explain the island scope and bids. Sarah Bogdan, Sect. has moved and was not present. Minutes were kept by Mark Lieb.
- II. Islands
 - a. Bids for island maintenance received. See attached spreadsheet. The issue of island maintenance and the lack of interest to maintain some of the islands prompted the board to consider hiring professional landscapers to provide annual maintenance. Bill Malouche prepared a scope of services which was distributed to 5 local companies: Heinen, Hermes, Dynamic, Raintree and Lawnboy (Rosa). Rosa declined to bid. Raintree was the low bidder and spent considerable time evaluating each island; Bill recommended we hire Raintree. The board, knowing that hiring a company to provide these services will require an increase in annual dues, discussed the issue at length. Everyone agreed that an increase of \$35 per house per year was not a lot to ask for professionally maintained islands. Residents who want to spend time working on an island can still do that in addition to the professional work.

Action Item: Approve bid for maintenance

 Sue Ann Heim motioned / Heath Anderson seconded a motion to hire Raintree to provide maintenance for all islands for 2012 at the bid received of \$7,926 + tax. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Statue stolen from island at 65th and Roe. Insurance claim has been filed. Mark is looking for replacement statue. Old statue was of child sitting reading a book.
- III. Annual Dues
 - a. If island maintenance contract is approved dues must be increased to cover the additional cost. The approximate \$8,000 cost for island maintenance cannot be covered in the existing budget. An increase in dues is required to cover this cost and any possible incidentals. Some discussion about possible push back from some residents ensued. All agreed this was still a minor cost to each resident for the benefit of having beautiful islands. It was proposed a letter be drafted to explain the increase to residents that should include language about the value of the neighborhood; individual property values; and past maintenance issues with volunteers on several islands. Mark agreed to draft a letter, seek board edit / feedback to finalize the letter and include the letter in the next mailing of invoices.
 - b. The annual meeting date was discussed to see if it could be moved to the block party. Mark will check the by-laws to see if the date is specified or if the board has discretion to set a new date. The date is typically the week before Memorial Day weekend (last week of April).

(Post meeting, Mark checked and the annual meeting is supposed to be the first Tuesday in April, but can be moved to any date after that at the discretion of the Board.)

Action Item: Approve increase in dues to cover island maintenance costs.

 Heath Anderson motioned / Sue Ann Heim seconded a motion to increase dues \$35 per household per year. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Board Members
 - a. Sarah Bogdan moved from the neighborhood. Her term was expiring this year along with Mark Lieb and Sue Ann Heim. 3 replacements are needed. Each board member needs to check with friends and neighbors for interest.
- V. Other ??
- VI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.