

***Stratford Gardens Homes Association
Annual Board Meeting
Minutes
May 9, 2007***

Time: 7:00pm
Location: Mission Hills Country Club
In attendance: Approximately 50 residents

The meeting was called to order by Mary Martin, Homes Association President at 7:00pm.

Order of Business

A. Welcome and Introductions

Mary Martin welcomed the residents of Stratford Gardens to the annual meeting. The board members were introduced. Mary thanked the board members as well as the block captains for their work. Mary also thanked John and Carrie Larson for hosting the meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last Annual Meeting on May 18, 2006 were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimously in favor.

C. Financial Report

Mary introduced Maggie Shine, treasurer. Maggie thanked everyone for attending. She reported that once again the Homes Association is in the black due to the increase in dues as well as payment of outstanding dues. A copy of the proposed budget for 2007-2008 was distributed. Discussion of the budget as well as security, the directory, and non-payment of dues ensued. A motion was made by Jim Akers to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Laura Foley and unanimously approved. A second motion was made to split any leftover funds evenly between the association reserves and capital improvement fund. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

D. Old Business

Mary thanked Benny and Edith Lee for the wonderful holiday party they hosted for the Homes Association last December.

Islands

An irrigation system has been installed on the island at 60th and Huntington. The large island at 63rd street is the next project. Mary has obtained bids on irrigation as well as repair or removal of the fountain and trough. She has also obtained ideas and bids on landscaping and presented a drawing and picture of one idea. It is a large, expensive project. The board will continue looking at ideas and getting bids for the repair of this fountain and landscaping the island. Colleen Kennedy will continue to apply for funding from PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee).

E-Mail

Mary thanked Gwen Caranchini and Colleen Kennedy for their work on gathering the e-mail addresses for the members of the homes association. Sending communication such as newsletters and security alerts by e-mail will lower the association's operating costs. The Association will not sell or give e-mail addresses out. If a member does not have an e-mail address, they will still receive all communication by mail.

Security

Due to the increase in crime during the month of December, extra security was hired. We currently have security patrol in our neighborhood four hours per day for six days of the week.

Snow Plow Contract

The Association used the same contractor as last year for plowing this year. There were apparently some streets that did not get plowed. There was also an issue with ice on the roads. The board is looking at different vendors for next year and will be negotiating a new contract for the upcoming winter.

On-Street Parking

There continues to be issues with and complaints about the on-street parking, especially on 60th and Ward Parkway.

E. Election of New Board Members

The board has three vacancies with the departure of Paul Mohr, Mary Martin. John Tso is also leaving as he is moving out of the neighborhood. Paul Mohr offered to stay on for another year to fill John Tso's spot. The other candidates are Jennifer King and Joy Blake-Krug. A brief biography and statement from the new candidates was distributed to the meeting attendees. There was a motion by Jim Akers to approve the three candidates, it was seconded by Maggie Shine and the members voted unanimously to approve these candidates.

F. New Business

There was discussion about the door-to-door sales people in the neighborhood as well as speeding cars on 63rd Street. There was also discussion about the fountain/pool between the homes association and Country Club Christian Church. It is in disrepair and ideas were given to members wishing to try to get the city to make repairs.

Diane Bradshaw thanked Mary Martin for all of her hard work this year as president.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Chu