

Briarbend HOA
Semi-annual meeting
April 7, 2015
6:30 pm
Molina's

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by President Gordon Richardson.

Board members present:

Leigh Adkins
Chas Hollis
Ben Hunter
Kathy Johnson
Bill Maddock
Gordon Richardson
Chad Roberts
Jessica Strehlow
Lauren Summerville

Members absent: JP Hutcheson

II. Approval of Minutes from October semi-annual meeting –

Elaine Bordieri proposed a modification to the minutes under *Committee Reports, Legal, Amendment to Deed Restrictions*. She asked that the last sentence be changed to read (changes in red) “Elizabeth Harris, the attorney for Elaine, Greg, et al said the wording is very vague in the proposed amendments and that the process for notification was not followed according to the current deed restrictions.” A motion was made to approve the amended minutes and the minutes were accepted.

III. Voting on 4 open board positions

Vice President Bill Maddock asked those in attendance to vote for 4 board positions. Voting slips were available and were handed out to all those present.

IV. Updates

a. Treasurer- Leigh Adkins

Approval of the budget:

Leigh made a motion to approve a revised budget that corrected a mistake on the previously approved 2015 budget. The mistake was the garbage portion of the budget. The 2014 budget showed an income for Garbage Reimbursement from the City of Houston for \$9,864.00 and a garbage expense of \$36,000.00. For the 2015 budget, he moved the Garbage Reimbursement category into a subcategory under Garbage Expense (the net result decreased the garbage expense and removed garbage reimbursement income).

He removed \$11,000 from the garbage expense category, but forgot to remove the Garbage Reimbursement category from Income. Leigh made a motion to approve the Revised Budget. Lawrence Shallenburger seconded the motion to approve the budget and the motion passed. The revised budget and supporting documents were supplied at the meeting.

- b. Beautification- J. P. Hutcheson- no report
- c. Social- Jessica Strehlow
 - a. Spring Fling will be held Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 4-6 pm at the park. Invitations were distributed to the neighborhood via evite and hard copies were distributed via the block captains. HEB will donate drinks and other refreshments. Many fun activities will be available for all neighbors.
 - b. Oliver Pennington's office gave us \$3,200 to mulch the park
- d. Legal- Lauren Summerville

Survey results- Lauren presented the results from the Briarbend survey that was conducted earlier in the year. The purpose of the survey was to gauge interest from homeowners with regard to potentially modifying the deed restrictions for the neighborhood. Of the 48 responses which were received, eight people voted against changing the deed restrictions and 40 were in favor. The board thanks everyone who volunteered to serve on the side of the committee regarding the deed restriction modifications. Handouts were presented to show the percentage of responses to each additional question. In the coming weeks, the board will discuss whether or not to pursue modifications to the deed restrictions. Proper procedure and protocol will be followed going forward and all homeowners will be notified of the intention to modify deed restrictions, should the board choose to move in that direction.
- e. Super Neighborhood Survey – Chad Robert

Chad asked how many homeowners have dipping sidewalks. Several people raised their hands. The warranty on the sidewalk repairs is one year from the date of installation. Chad recommends that everyone fill out a SNAP request and repeatedly contact the city with our requests. Chad asked all homeowners to call 311 or use the 311 app on your smart phone and call everyday asking for the sidewalks to be repaired and to complain about the dangers which the sinking sidewalks has created. Chad asked the callers to be descriptive about the dangers of the sunken sidewalks- tripping hazards, mosquitoes breeding in standing water, etc. We will put the contact information on the website.

f. Architecture- Ben Hunter

Ben visited the Public Works department and met with the senior engineer, Kumar. Kumar recommends calling 311 on a regular basis , which he hopes will result in repairs being made. If the street holds water and we can convince the city that the standing water poses a health risk, they may eventually do something about it. The sidewalks may need to be dealt with by each individual homeowner who has a sidewalk issue. The city does respond to calls; for example, a call was made to 311 two weeks ago about the persistent water leak to the left of the entrance to the park and the leak was repaired within 48 hours.

g. Security- Chas Hollis

Chas passed around a crime statistic form indicating there has been no crime activity in our neighborhood in the last 3 months.

V. Results of Vote- Bill Maddock

51 total homeowner's votes were tabulated and the following 4 homeowners will serve on the board for a two-year term:

Robbie Guinn
Mary Spiller
Charlie Stoddard
Lauren Summerville

VI. New Business

A homeowner at 7811 Burgoyne asked about purchasing the large wheeled recycling bin for the recycling items. Another homeowner at 2519 Stoney Brook also expressed an interest in the large wheeled recycling bin. Lauren will get WCA's information to those who want the larger bin.

Valet Waste Management- this company compacts trash late at night anywhere from 10 pm- 2 am at the apartment complex on the south end of Stoney Brook (the apartments that back up to the houses on the south end of Stoney Brook). The board will look into mentioning this to the apartment complex manager.

The next Briarbend HOA meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm at 7902 Chevy Chase.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Johnson
Secretary