

Briarbend Community Improvement Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

I. **Call to order:** Lauren Summerville called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Robbie Guinn, President, was attending another commitment. Present were Lauren Summerville, Jessica Strehlow, Ben Hunter, Leigh Adkins, Chad Roberts, Charlie Stoddard, Mary Spiller-Gebhardt, and Bill Maddock. Robbie arrived at 8:40pm from a previous meeting.

II. Introduction of Visitors- Greg and Irene Haas, 7914 Burgoyne.

A) Kevin Atkinson, Texas Pride Disposal- presented a Proposal for Briarbend (see proposal) Chad Roberts will meet next week with Susan Petty in Charnwood (82) homes, to see if Charnwood would like to change Trash Services. Lauren asked if we could get a break if Charnwood agreed to change with Briarbend. Customer Service offering. Kevin said that if one of their trucks breaks down, they have spare trucks and personnel available. They have 4 new, 2016 trucks. We would have his direct line and customer service number. No automated voice service. They take Christmas trees. They offer special consideration to neighbors who cannot get their trash to the front. They will not haul off hard to handle items. They will send us handy disposal tips for our Newsletter.

B) Comments from Visitors/ Public- No comments at this time.

III. Reading of Minutes of Preceding Meeting on August 11, 2015. The minutes were sent electronically to Board Members for review. They will be published on the Briarbend website. Chad motioned that the minutes be approved, Ben seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

IV. Reports of Committees

A) Vice President- Lauren Summerville

1. Directory- Lauren Summerville has sent out an online form to update the Directory Information. Phyllis Ehardt will help Lauren update and compile the information. Mary will add this info to the next Newsletter. It was suggested that Board members contact local businesses to sell ads for the Directory. Jessica will take Molinas. Ben will call Mr. Car wash, Leigh Adkins will call Roegles Barbecue, Chad will call Carrabas, Bill suggested that we ask for directory sponsors to provide Coupons that can be a part of the ad. Goal is to have the Directory published by Nov. 1. Checks payable to BCIA. Lauren has set up Semi Annual meeting. Oct. 13th 6:30pm. \$10.95/person, and cash bar. The bill usually runs \$600.

2. Semi- Annual Meeting-Mary will send out a newsletter with new content, Security, Directory, Semi Annual, Halloween and yard of the month

B) Secretary- no report at this time.

C) Treasurer- Leigh Adkins-

1. Financials- Budget for 2015 – See Budget Sheet- 2015 Budget used for template for 2016 Budget. Keep same dues. Reduce some expenses. Mosquito spray, last day is Halloween. Keep Mosquito spraying contract, get rid of new neighbor gifts. Legal fees, this is an up and down charge, it depends on recent issues. . It is cyclical, and not standard charges. One outstanding dues at present. Not to be fined until the one year mark.

2. Banking

3. 2016 Budget- Robbie made motion to table the 2016 Budget until he has a chance to read the Budget. Chad seconded. Budget tabled for now.

D) Security

1. Report on new service- Seal Security, we would have to raise our dues \$250/home/year for Seal to come on board. Lauren made a motion to table the proposal unless there is an uptick in incidents. It was suggested that we contact Jeff Fondon and ask for clarification of services. Do we have a contract with Jeff Fondon? No reports sent to Briarbend Security. It is suggested that he come to the Semi-Annual Meeting. We have not had many reports in the last six months. We have security for 52 hours per month.

2. Contract renewal- Chad will contact Jeff Fondon and get more information on this.

E) Superneighborhood- Ben Hunter- An overpass over Westheimer at Gessner, widening Gessner has been approved by the City . SNAP money.....nothing to report.

F) ACC- Bill Maddock-Modification to deed restrictions. Bill will work on this before semi- annual meeting. If it cannot be agreed upon by semi- annual, it will be addressed at the November meeting.

G) Beautification - JP was not present, no report.

1. Annual Award for Yard of the Month Sept. – have not received it for Sept. There will be an annual award (\$250.00) starting in January. Put in Newsetter prior to semi-annual.

H) Social- Jessica Strehlow

1. Halloween Party- Sat. Oct. 31st. DJ is Beetlejuice, 5:00-8:00 pm in Chevy Chase/Meadow Lake cul de sac Raising Cains Chicken and Sub Way sandwiches, Chips and salsa and Margaritas. People will sign up to bring other items.

I) Legal Charlie Stoddard- Variance ready to go for home redo on Wickersham. The Owner will pay the legal fees. The variance is ready to be signed. There are \$22 in legal fees outstanding for Sears and Bennett. Issue of gravel on easement on Woodway at Del Monte . At 2515 Stoney Brook there is a tree with low hanging limbs covering Stop sign at Overbrook. It is suggested that we call 311 to have limbs trimmed from the street lights. Chad will call 311.

V. Old Business

A) Deed Restriction Amendments

1. ACC appointments we are looking at it.
2. Restrictions not eligible for a variance

VI. New Business

1. Clean up from water line breaks and speed cushion repairs 2100 block of Stoney Brook, Wickersham and Overbrook. Irene Haas reported that to get water repair and road humps addressed, the City needs to be contacted.

VII. Executive Session called at 8:50pm. The Haas' left the meeting. The Executive Session was to discuss the remaining resident who has not paid dues. The discussion was held and a consensus was reached on a possible resolution. The executive session was then closed and the following topic was reopened because Robbie was not present during the initial discussion. From now on we will list an Executive Session on the Agenda, and ask visitors to leave at that time. The minutes will contain a general description of the purpose of the executive session, but details of the discussion will be redacted from the minutes. Robbie wants to negotiate with Texas Pride. Chad will meet with Charnwood members to discuss the garbage pick up. Robbie wants authority to cancel with WCA and negotiate with Texas Pride. They will go with lowest recycling charge. We will keep our trash cans and recycle cans. Robbie will invite Kevin to attend Semi-Annual meeting. Charlie made a motion to proceed, Chad seconded. All Board members were in favor. The motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment- Jessica made a motion to adjourn, Mary seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Submitted 9/9/15

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt- Secretary