

Briarbend Community Improvement Association

Minutes February 9, 2016

7902 Chevy Chase

I. Call to Order: Robbie Guinn, President, called the meeting to order at: 7:20pm

Board Members present: Robbie Guinn, Mary Spiller-Gebhardt, Leigh Adkins, Ben Hunter, Charlie Stoddard, JP Hutcheson, Larry Stanton. Absent- Jessica Strehlow

II. Introduction of Visitors: No Visitors present

A) Comments from visitors/Public-No comments.

III. Reading of Minutes of Preceding Meeting- the minutes from the January 12, 2016 Board Meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting for review by the Board, Charlie Stoddard moved that they be approved as read, Chad Roberts seconded. The minutes were approved and will be posted on the Briarbend Web site.

IV. Reports of Committees

A) Vice President- Larry Stanton- Ready to go to print with the Directory. Robbie would like to have a third party to print it, and pay for it .We need a new Newsletter and give the residents a deadline for submitting information for the directory. Larry suggested having the Block Captains to go house to house to get updated information, or call . Turn in to Larry Stanton. Give them two weeks to turn it in to Larry. Jessica has some extras of the 2013 Directory. Deadline will be Friday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. JP Hutcheson suggested that his company could possibly print it. He will check into it. Leigh Adkins has an updated copy of the map of homes as an insert. We need at least 200 copies. Ben Hunter, Russel Smith Ford, Exclusive Windows and Doors are the three sponsors of ads.

1. Directory- See above discussion

B) Secretary- Mary Spiller-Gebhardt has no report at this time.

C) Treasurer- Leigh Adkins-

1. Financials- Budget to Actual for 2016 so far. 13 outstanding who have not paid this year. Last year balance sheet and income report was presented. There is \$135,000 in the bank, as of the end of 2015. Cash on hand- Some obligations... \$6000 to the park, that was bequeath. It was suggested that we plant new live oak trees at the park. Possibly have the stumps ground from the trees destroyed when the twister hit the neighborhood in May 2015. We will talk to the park superintendent about how to get this done.

2. Income Tax Filing- Leigh has not talked to the Accountant. He will have it filed by next meeting. There are multiple returns.

3. Audit- All information has been sent to Bancroft.

4. Briarbend blast emails. Who should monitor? Should the Board have a content policy for blast emails or set up a separate email list available to any resident to send out whatever they want? Residents would have the option to opt-out of this list. Leigh: if someone replies to a blast email. He has to moderate the post. He accepts or rejects. It does not cost us anything. Leigh does not want to be the moderator of chat blasts. The homeowners can opt out of the secondary email account. Motion Ben Hunter made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Charlie Stoddard The motion passed to set up a secondary email account.

D) Security- Chad Roberts- every paper tag is assigned to a person(car). Ben noticed a gold impala, 2 hispanic males, moved slowly down Stoney Brook, they parked at the park. Ben followed them east on Westheimer, to Fountain View to Schumacher, they parked. He got the plate and took a picture of it. Robbie has had tools missing from his garage. Several other neighbors are also missing tools. Also information on an increase in Gang activity in this area. Stolen purses at Kroger Gas station. The police are not increasing patrols in the area. Larry Stanton reports seeing a black Mustang, bad paint job in the area.

E) Superneighborhood- Ben went to the Superneighborhood Meeting last evening. Panhandling is a serious issue in this area. Metropolis Nightclub has numerous complaints .Many Panhandlers in this area

. **Fountain View Project.** Not the HEB property. It is the two buildings behind it .Proposed to build 233 units of low income subsidized housing. HHA-owns the property and has their office there. Elementary children in the project would be zoned to Briargrove Elementary is already overrcrowded. Mark White Elementary is the new school being built on Old Farm Road. It is filled to capacity. They would be bussed to Memorial Elementary. Harvin Moore, John Culberson, Greg Travis have all written letters. Should we write a letter to HHA. Robbie will write it and send out a copy. How many Elementary age children are in this area that would be zoned to Briargrove. Greg Travis will attend our April Semi-Annual Meeting. Discussion of NEPA compliance and the FONSI published on the HHA Website. The Board supports a letter being sent to HHA et al. HHA put out a fact sheet, one of their arguments. If a developer bought the land, they would put in a 500 unit development, but it would be more expensive housing. Why has Briargrove HOA not sent a letter about this issue?

F) ACC- Bill Maddock, no new applications

1. 7911 Burgoyne plans approved; There is an issue with the back fence and the advertisement sign on the fence.

G) Beautification- JP reports February Yard of the Month Winner is Sara Purdy at 2415 Stoney Brook.

1. Annual award for Yard of the Year- JP will make a decision by our next meeting.

H) Social- Spring Fling in April. – Jessica was not present, she will give her report next month.

I) Legal- Charlie Stoddard- Fence at 7911 is offensive, there is a large plastic sign attached to the fence that is an advertisement for the builder. Charlie sent a certified letter to Builder, no response. Can we take it down? Robbie called the owner of the property to put up a fence on the back of the property. No response. Waiting on a response. Report at next meeting. There will be an estate sale next door, Tressa White died recently. Rene Garza on Burgoyne wants another set of speed cushions put in the middle Burgoyne.

V. Old Business

A) Deed Restriction Amendments

1. ACC Appointments

2. Restrictions not eligible for a Variance

3. Review proposed changes to submission process. A letter needs to be sent to have plans approved. When it is received, the 30 days starts then. It was agreed that they need to be sent electronically and dated.

VI. New Business

A) Houston Housing Authority 2640 Fountainview Project- See previous discussion.

Consider letter of opposition from the Board. Need to determine number of elementary age children living in Briarbend who may be impacted by not being able to attend Briargrove Elementary because of overcrowding caused by the project.

Discussion of roofing materials and Deed Restrictions. Bill Maddock will investigate information on this and report next month.

VII. General Discussion/ Executive Session (if necessary)- Executive Session not needed.

VIII. Adjournment Robbie called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:48pm. Mary Spiller-Gebhardt seconded.

Submitted 2/14/16

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt, Secretary

