

Briarbend Homeowners Board Meeting

October 16, 2012
Ben Hunter's Home
6:30 pm

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by President of Board Gordon Richardson at 6:53pm.
Members present- Ann Berger, Gordon Richardson, Scott Odom, Ben Hunter, Bill Maddok, MarySpiller-Gebhardt, Kenze Beyer, Chad Roberts.
Members absent-, Jerry Nicholson, Elisabeth LaBorde.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**-Minutes from the Aug. 14, 2012 Board Meeting was sent electronically prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Kenze Beyer moved that they be approved, Ann Berger seconded. The minutes were added to the record and will be posted on the Briarbend website.
- III. **Reports of Committees**
 - a. **Social (Elisabeth Laborde)**- Elisabeth LalBorde was not present. No report from Social. Elisabeth is moving back to New Orleans soon and will need to be replaced on the Board. The following people will be called to see if they would be interested in filling in until the spring election of officers
 - a. Kathy Johnson
 - b. Mary Brazelton
 - c. Nicole Hodge
 - d. Freija Llauretson
 - e. Stephanie Robert
 - b. **Security** (Jerry Nicholson)- Jerry was absent. No report from Security
 - c. **Legal- (Ann Berger)** No report from Legal. The Directory needs to be updated. Last Directory was 2 years ago and there have been a number of new neighbors that need to be included, as well as new children to be added. Ann Berger, Kenze Beyer, and Megan Draper will start working on this project. We need a sponsor for the back cover of the directory (\$1000). Also, the foldout map of the subdivision needs to be improved in quality. It was suggested using a Google Earth shot. Maria Roberts will check at the Art Institute for ideas. Jan Houston will help.
 - e. **Architecture (Ben Hunter)**- A resident asked at the Semi-Annual meeting how to get on the Architectural Control Committee? At present there are three members, who are long time residents of the neighborhood, and have construction experience. At this time our neighborhood is in a position of older homes being torn down and being replaced by new construction. How Briarbend rebuilds itself is an important issue. There was discussion concerning how the ACC is overseen. We would need to change the By-Laws to make changes in how members of the ACC are appointed and the scope of

their duties. At present the Board appoints the members of the ACC for a two year term. A resident suggested the By-Laws be reviewed because at present if plans are submitted to the ACC and are not reviewed and approved, they would be automatically approved. It should read that if there is no response, they are not approved. This needs clarification. The By-Laws will be reviewed and there will be discussion at the next Board Meeting in November. There was also discussion of the issue of submitting plans to the ACC, when the outside of a home is to be painted, including trim. Also it was suggested that the By-Laws stipulate that Burglar Bars not be visible from the street.

f. Beautification (Scott Odom)- It was suggested and approved that the October Yard of the Month be judged on Halloween Decorations, as is the December Decoration Contest. –TheClark’s home at 7807 Chevy Chase is the October YOM.

There was discussion of a notice from the City of Houston concerning the application and fee for the Brick walls at the Westheimer entrance to Briarbend that were erected two years ago. There is a one time permit fee of \$250-\$300. A permit was not pulled at the time of construction. A neighbor called in a complaint to Council Member Oliver Pennington’s office. His office researched the issue and found that this was a new ordinance in 2008, and Briarbend had not filed a permit. At the time of construction the cost of the two walls was \$10,000, and was built by Kelly Bennett Construction (a prior resident). Scott Odom proposed having a meeting with the resident, that a mirror be placed across the street from their driveway, to alleviate the problem of their not being able to see oncoming traffic while backing out of their driveway. A permit will be filed in order to comply with the ordinance.

g. Newsletter/Secretary (Mary Spiller-Gebhardt)- No Report. The Board Minutes will be posted on the Briarbend Website.

h. Treasurer (Kenze Beyer) – Two residents have not paid 2012 Annual Dues. Letters have been sent and penalties are accruing.

i. New Business- The next Board Meeting will take place on January 8, 2013.

j. Adjournment- Gordon Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Submitted 10/23/12

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt- Secretary