



## **Briarbend Community Improvement Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting 1/8/13**

#### **Gordon Richardson's Home**

**Call to Order:** Gordon Richardson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. In attendance were: Gordon Richardson, Mary Spiller-Gebhardt, Scott Odom, Chad Roberts, Ann Berger, Kenze Beyer, Ben Hunter, and Jerry Nicholson. Bill Maddock (VP) was absent.

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt had previously sent the Board Minutes from the previous meeting on 10/16/12 to Board members via e-mail attachment. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Security:**

Jerry Nicholson reported one theft of construction materials from a new construction site on Stoney Brook. There was also a scam attempt, at 7979 Woodway, by men posing as bumper repairers. A neighbor got the license plate number, and reported the incident. The car was a stolen vehicle.

##### **Treasurer:**

Kenze Beyer reported that half of the residents have paid their 2013 Annual Dues. Two residents have not paid from last year. Notices have been sent. The 2012 Tax Return will be filed shortly. Year To Date Balance Sheet was presented to the Board. Total Assets as of 1/8/13 are \$137,796.51.

##### **Legal:**

Ann Berger reported that she is working on a plan for document retention. Many of the old records in her possession are very outdated, and do not need to be retained. Going forward, all records will be scanned. Many of the Historical Documents about Briarbend will be saved and catalogued.

Ann is chairing the project to update the Briarbend Directory, Megan Draper updates the web e-mail address list monthly, and notices will be sent via hard copy to all residents. Phyllis Ehardt has volunteered to assist Ann and Megan with this project. Martha Turner Realtors has agreed to donate \$1000 toward the printing of the Directory for an ad on the back cover of the Directory.

##### **Super Neighborhood:**

Chad Roberts had no report.

##### **Architectural Control Committee:**

Ben Hunter reported that Mr. Vu, whose home is under construction at 2303 Stoney Brook, has replaced the fence in back of his property, and the fence at the dead end of Meadow Lake.

A variance request has been approved by the ACC prior to construction of a new home at 7811 Overbrook. The variance was for a tile roof. Ben reported that that Deed Restrictions need to be addressed concerning issues such as fence construction in a City Right Of Way, Burglar Bars on windows and doors facing the street, and tile roofs. Ben stated that there is a flaw in the original deed restrictions that states that if plans submitted to the ACC are not approved within 30 days, they are deemed approved. It should be changed to state that if they are not approved within 30 days they are deemed denied.

**Beautification:**

Scott Odom reported that the Winners of the Annual Holiday Decoration Contest are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize- Paul and Laura Goehrs 7922 Chevy Chase

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- Andrew and Natalie Clark 7807 Chevy Chase

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Jeff and Robin Doran 7910 Del Monte

The January Yard of the Month goes to Ike and Lori Claypool 7803 Chevy Chase

All winners have been notified and pictures published in the Briarbend Newsletter.

Approximately \$6500 has been earmarked to improvements to the Briarbend Park. Scott is researching this and some suggestions he presented are 1)A weather Station 2) A Bike Rack 3) Vinyl coating for the benches, 4) Electrical conduit for lighting in the Gazebo.

**Social:**

Since our previous Social Secretary has recently moved, this position is vacant. Gordon Richardson suggested Kathy Adkins be contacted to fill the remaining term. The Board agreed, Gordon will call Kathy.

**Secretary:**

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt reported that a Newsletter would be going out shortly.

**Vice President:**

Bill Maddock was absent and will be contacted concerning the upcoming Board elections and scheduling the semi-annual Homeowners meeting in April. The nomination forms will need to be sent out in February, the election takes place at the semi-annual meeting in April, and will be tabulated by an independent person appointed by the Board.

**Old Business:**

Scott Odom reported that a neighbor, whose home is adjacent to the recently constructed brick entrance marker on Westheimer, want the marker taken down because it obstructs their view of Stoney Brook when they are backing out of their drive way. It has been brought to the Board's attention that when the construction took place three years ago, the previous Board did not apply for a City Permit. The City of Houston started requiring a permit for this type of construction in 2008. The marker was constructed in 2010. Scott Odom is checking into possible solutions for this problem.

**New Business:**

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt reported that there have been numerous bright pink signs placed all over the neighborhood concerning a small grey poodle that went missing from Burgoyne on Nov. 14, 2012. Notices have been placed twice in the Briarbend Newsletter, and the owner of the dog has been contacted to stop putting up new signs.

The meeting of the Board was adjourned at 7:50pm. The next meeting of the Board will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Chad Roberts home 7803 Meadow Lake. Ann Berger will host the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 7811 Chevy Chase.

Submitted 1/21/13

Mary Spiller-Gebhardt Secretary