



## **Briarbend Community Improvement Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting 3/26/13**

#### **Mary Spiller-Gebhardt's Home**

**Call to Order:** Gordon Richardson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. In attendance were: Gordon Richardson, Mary Spiller-Gebhardt, Scott Odom, Chad Roberts, Ann Berger, Ben Hunter, Bill Maddock, Kenze Beyer (Treasurer) and Amanda Gonzalez (Social). Jerry Nicholson (Security) was absent.

**Mary Spiller-Gebhardt** had previously sent the Board Minutes from the previous meeting on 2/19/13 to Board members via e-mail attachment. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Security: Jerry Nicholson** was absent, Gordon Richardson gave his report. There was a kick-in burglary in Charnwood near Voss. Tires and rims were taken. No Security alerts at this time in Briarbend.

**Treasurer: Kenze Beyer-** The recent Audit of financial records is complete. Records should be back by the Semi-Annual Meeting. Ten residents have not paid their Annual Dues. Two of these are in collections. All are sent monthly e-mail reminders.

**Legal: Ann Berger-** The brick markers on the Westheimer/Stoney Brook entrance, are leaning. At the time of construction 3 years ago, permits were not filed with the City. Permits have now been filed, but have not received approval because a complaint about the structures has been filed with Councilman Pennington's office by a resident. Mr. and Mrs. Les McDonald attended the Board Meeting to voice their concern about the brick markers blocking their view as they try to back out of their driveway. The markers appear to encroach on the City Right of Way. This is in violation of Chapter 16 of the City Code, according to Mrs. McDonald. It was agreed that Scott Odom and Kelly Bennett (contractor for the markers) will meet the next day with the McDonalds to work on a solution to the issue.

Ann Berger is continuing to compile information for the new Directory that will be coming out soon. There are about 20 residents who have not responded with updated information. Ann has made several attempts to get the updated information, but has been unsuccessful. Mary Spiller-Gebhardt will send out more information in the upcoming Newsletter.

There have been complaints about the yard at 7803 Locke Lane. The home was recently sold to an Investment company, but the yard has had no maintenance since it was sold. Ann will send a letter to the owner, and copy the Realtor Agent.

**Super Neighborhood: Chad Roberts** – No report.

**Architectural Control Committee: Ben Hunter** Ben has researched deed restrictions of other neighborhoods that address landscaping, driveway pavement areas, burglar bars, and multiple kitchens in a single residence. He suggested drawing up proposed modifications to the Deed Restrictions that would be provided to residents to

survey approval of suggested changes. Proposed amendments would be reviewed by Sears and Bennett, attorneys.

**Beautification: Scott Odom** – The Lady Bug Rocker at the Park is missing. It is not known if it was removed by City workers, or it was stolen. Scott will make a 311 service request. (Two days later the Lady Bug was reinstalled by the City.) Scott also reported that there is a lot of graffiti on the rocks near the Bayou water line.

March Yard Of the Month- The Plumes 7803 Del Monte.

**Social Amanda Gonzalez**-The Annual Briarbend Spring Fling will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm, at the Briarbend Park. Jingles the Clown, the Rock Wall and Tasti Delight will be contacted to attend. It was suggested that tickets be issued to keep track of servings. There is a budget of \$1000 for this Event. There was \$200 that can be used for this event that was allocated for a July 4<sup>th</sup> event, but not used. A Web Blast will be sent out to publicize the event. Amanda will also speak about the event at the Semi-Annual meeting.

**Secretary:** No Report. Minutes will be published on-line to residents with a link in the Newsletter.

**Mary Spiller-Gebhardt** – reported that she has called 311 and made a report about the numerous signs on Utility Poles along Stoney Brook. The owner of a pet poodle that has been missing since 11/14/12, has been hanging signs all over the neighborhood for the past four months. She is not hanging them 8 feet up the pole. The City Sign and Permit Department will come out, remove the signs and contact the person hanging the signs. There will also be a fine imposed. The Board voted to call the dog owner and tell her to stop hanging signs. Gordon Richardson will call her.

**Vice President: Bill Maddock** Semi annual Homeowners Meeting will take place in April, Bill has confirmed with Molinas for Tuesday April 23, 2013. Voting for Board positions will take place at the meeting. Four positions will be vacated this year. Thirty-one residents have been nominated, and Bill will contact all of them before placing their names on the ballot. Absentee Ballots will be sent out by April 10th. The Election will take place at the Semi-Annual Meeting. The Election will be monitored by an independent agent and the results announced at the Meeting.

**New Business:** Valerie Sherril , a Briarbend resident attended the meeting to voice her concern about the trees planted around the perimeter of the new construction on Stoney Brook. Board members explained that attorneys have been consulted, a demand letter sent, and a meeting will be requested with the owner of the home under construction. It is the opinion of Sears and Bennett that the trees are not in harmony with the landscaping in the neighborhood. Robbie Guinn, a member of the Architectural Control Committee, attended the meeting and suggested that the Deed Restrictions be amended to address significant issues that need to be addressed with new construction. Bill Maddock will develop an amendment to the Deed Restriction and send it to the ACC for review.

The meeting of the Board was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next Board Meeting will take place after the Semi-Annual Meeting, and Board Elections. The meeting will be an Old Board/New Board Meeting and will be a closed meeting .

Submitted -Mary Spiller-Gebhardt Secretary

4/5/13