

BBCIA
Semi-annual meeting
October 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by President Gordon Richardson.

Introduction of board members and guests

President Gordon Richardson introduced each board member and their area.

Eden Jones-Hinds- Principal at Briargrove Elementary School. Briargrove has become an IB school. Thirty-one languages are spoken there. Briargrove does not accept waivers or transfers. The annual Carnival is Saturday, Oct. 12. HISD is looking to build a relief school to handle the overcrowding. Those of us zoned to Briargrove will remain zoned to Briargrove.

Jeff Fondren- security director for Briarbend. Jeff talked about the number of intoxicated people up and down Westheimer. The police pick up these people and put them in a "sobering up" tank, but this doesn't get them off the street for any length of time. Jeff suggested that we all should be aware of any homeless person and to call the police if a homeless person is sleeping where they shouldn't be. Regarding packages being stolen off front porches- track your packages and alert a neighbor to pick it up when it is delivered, or ask UPS to deliver to your back door, or leave a note saying the homeowner must sign for packages. Jeff encouraged us to keep our cars locked in our driveways. Briarbend has a security number which calls our security guys. The number is on our website.

City of Houston reps - Waste and Water department- they spoke to the neighborhood regarding the sewer line hookup. Dan Oefner, City of Houston, attended along with the project manager and the contractor, Omar Ruiz. There are 96 lots in Briarbend that need hook-up. Work will start on Burgoyne, then Del Monte, Chevy Chase and Meadow Lake, then the rest of the subdivision towards Westheimer. Two crews will be working on Burgoyne. Each homeowner should have received a drawing showing the construction of the pipes. City will replace landscaping that is taken up. City will check that all inside plumbing is working after the pipes have been replaced. Each city employee will have an ID badge identifying them as city employees.

Jason Jesko- The Urban Foresters- Jason is a certified arborist who specializes in HOA tree management. Briarbend has roughly 150 homes in our neighborhood built in the 1960's. We have significant value in our properties based on the trees that were chosen for the neighborhood. 1. Jason drove around the neighborhood and said some of the trees are fair, many are poor, but none are good. Pruning techniques were poor; many of the trees in our area have the lion tail look- thin branch with a pouf at the end. 2. Many of the trees in our area are water oaks or willow oaks which deteriorate quickly. Mushrooms at the base or on the tree need to be looked at. 3. When homes have been constructed on old lots, the trees were not protected and the construction of the new home impacted the tree. We are also still in the depths of the worst droughts we have had. 4. There is significant deadwood in the trees- this attracts bugs and fungus, and the tree could fall and hurt someone. Jason has scheduled two consultation times- Oct.

18 and Oct. 25. Homeowners can schedule a time by emailing briarbend@theurbanforesters.com

Committee reports:

Treasurer- Leigh Adkins- presented the 2014 budget. We increased the mosquito spraying. The budget is very close to the budget of 2013.

Legal- Lauren Summerville- a letter is sent to homeowners who don't comply with deed restrictions. The homeowner will receive a certified letter from the board, they have ten days to rectify the situation, and if the situation is not taken care of after 30 days the homeowner will be fined \$100 per month.

Social- Amanda Gonzalez- Halloween party. A sign-up list will be put on the website. The annual party will be held on the Meadow Lake/Chevy Chase cul-de sac.

Architecture- Ben Hunter- we have a couple of new houses being constructed on Burgoyne and a remodel on Meadow Lake.

Beautification - Jessica Strehlow- the entrance markers were rebuilt- the markers were shortened and put in deeper. The Clarks won October yard of the month with their Halloween decorations. Holiday decorations will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

New business-

Grady rebuild- update on the school

7806 Piping Rock – the homeowner asked a question about doing something about the stop sign at Burgoyne and Stoney Brook. Could a blinking light be put there or something that would slow people down. Suggested that we call the Mid-west station and they will send out an officer to give out tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Johnson
Secretary