

Briarbend Homeowners Board Meeting

August 14, 2012

Bill Maddock's Home

6:30 pm

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by President of Board Gordon Richardson at 6:40pm. Members present- Elisabeth LaBorde, Ann Berger, Gordon Richardson, Scott Odom, Ben Hunter, Bill Maddock, Mary Spiller-Gebhardt. Members absent- Kenze Beyer, Jerry Nicholson, Chad Roberts
- II. **Introduction of new Board Members and Guests** -Elisabeth LaBorde was introduced as a new member who will chair the Social Committee. There were no guests present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**-Minutes from the June 5, 2012 Board Meeting was sent electronically prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Ben Hunter moved that they be approved, Scott Odom seconded. The minutes were added to the record and will be posted on the Briarbend website.

IV. Reports of Committees

- a. **Social (Elisabeth Laborde)**- Plans are starting for the Annual Halloween Party on Oct. 31, 2012. She will contact Lauren Summerville, last year's chair. Request for volunteers will be sent out via e-mail.
New Neighbors - Plants and Directories have been delivered to several new neighbors.
- b. **Security** (Jerry Nicholson)- Jerry was absent but report given by Gordon Richardson- There have been numerous break-ins in Briargrove and Briar Meadow Subdivisions. It is suggested that Security precautions be put in the next Newsletter. Briarbend is patrolled by unmarked cars driven by uniformed HPD officers. The Board unanimously approved ordering two magnetic signs to put on the security patrol cars. It was also suggested that a (BB) logo decal be provided to all neighbors for their cars. Jerry will check into the cost and will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. It was also suggested that signs be placed at the two entrances of Briarbend that state that Briarbend is patrolled by a Security Patrol. Jerry will check to see if the signs can be placed on Stop Signs, or if another sign pole will have to be put in.

The Security Patrol reported that a man had been living in a tent at the park. He had outstanding warrants, and was arrested.

Alerts There was a break-in of a garage on Burgoyne and a bicycle was taken

- c. **Super Neighborhood** (Chad Roberts)- not present, no report.
Connection of Sanitary Sewer Lines-Stephen Wright will speak at the Semi-Annual Meeting in Sept. and address the latest information on the proposed work schedule.
- d. **Legal (Ann Berger)**- A home on Locke Lane has not paid Annual Dues for two years. It is

scheduled to be sold on Aug. 15th. A lien has been filed on the property. At present we have spent \$7000 on legal fees. The homeowner has paid \$1000. The person buying the home, will own it and lease it out.

Foreclosure- Ann Berger suggested that in a situation like the above, it might be financially prudent to file a lawsuit, foreclose, and sell the property. She will look into this and report back to the Board.

e. Architecture (Ben Hunter)

Tile Roof on new construction on Overbrook- A fire in a home on Overbrook caused severe damage last December. The homeowner will demolish the home and build a two story home with stucco façade. The plans include a clay tile roof. The ACC has approved the plans. The issue of the tile roof was presented to the Board because this would be the first clay tile roof in Briarbend. Ben Hunter moved that the tile roof be approved. Scott Odom seconded the motion. Six voted to approve, Bill Maddock voted against the motion. The motion was approved. It was suggested that in the future, if the ACC approves a variance, and the plans are presented to the Board, that a member of the ACC attend the Board Meeting.

f. Beautification (Scott Odom)- The July YOM was given to Glen and Rosamary Davis at 7815 Burgoyne. The August YOM was given to Doug Skopp at 7903 Del Monte. Three dead trees have been removed from the Park area. Board members had called 311 to report that one of the trees was leaning over the Kayak Path to the Bayou, and large limbs were starting to fall.

It was suggested and approved that the October Yard of the Month be judged on Halloween Decorations, as is the December Decoration Contest.

g. Newsletter/Secretary (Mary Spiller-Gebhardt)- Content for next Newsletter to include information on the Sewer Tie-In scheduled to start soon, as well as Security Alert information.

It was reported that Mrs. Jo Goebel, a longtime resident died recently at the age of 90.

h. Treasurer (Kenze Beyer) - Kenze was absent from the meeting, but sent Budget and Financial Report (see addendum report and budget)- Gordon Richardson moved that we increase the Treasurer stipend/ mo. From \$100 to \$150. Mary Spiller-Gebhardt move that the motion be approved, Ben Hunter seconded. The motion was approved and will take effect on 9/1/12.

V. New Business- The Board approved increasing the Host stipend for Board Meetings, from \$50 to \$75.

The Semi-Annual Homeowners Meeting will take place at Molinas on Westheimer on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at 6:30pm. The next Board Meeting will take place Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:30pm at Ben Hunter's home 7914 Chevy Chase.

VI. Adjournment- Gordon Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.