

MINUTES

Walnut Grove Homes Association
March 8, 2015, 4:00pm, Raab Home, Madison WI

Present: Eric Lewandowski, Kathy McComb, Mark Schmitt, Kathy Raab, Gabe Anibas, Eileen Goode, Tina Hogle, Denise Clearwood, Karen Kollath

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm and quorum was established.

Motion to approve the December 7, 2014 minutes was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Kathy will submit for posting on the website. Note: The minutes from the Annual Meeting in January will be reviewed and submitted for approval at the next annual meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICER ELECTIONS:

By unanimous vote, the following officers were elected for 2015:

President – Eric Lewandowski
Vice President – Mark Schmitt
Secretary – Kathy Raab
Treasurer – Karen Kollath

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report:

- Annual Meeting: The annual meeting was held on 1/25/15 with about 65 people attending. Attendees heard from Ald. Skidmore, WGHA's president and board members, including an in-depth presentation by the ACC.
- Annual Dues Notice: The annual dues notices were mailed and are starting to be returned. Kathy will write procedures for future years.
- Area Safety and Security: Eric spoke with Office Koval and Ald. Skidmore who are pursuing independent avenues of investigation of the West Towne Mall incidents. No other cases of vandalism in Walnut Grove or Wexford have been reported, other than a minor car vandalism incident on Southwick Circle.
- Proposed 7933 Tree Lane Development Project Update: Tree Lane-Homeless Housing development is under advisement at the city level. Community Planning is talking with neighbors in the area.

Treasurer's Report: Karen worked with past Treasurer, Tom Wall, to update all records at the banks, etc. Karen is researching a title issue for 14 Round Hill Circle where a lien had previously been filed. Board discussed non-payment of dues by Deb Wynn's family. The non-payment may be tied to expenses incurred for past social events by the Wynn family. Motion to notify Wynns (if still outstanding on April 1) that the board has authorized repayment of past expenses up to \$400 and then the matter will be closed. If no payment is made for past due dues, a lien will be filed in accordance with our normal procedures.

Greenways: Gabe reported another vandalized light (#2) on Greenway B. Since there were no tracks in the snow and this is the 3rd light with similar damage, we need to consider that it might be a product defect rather than vandalism. Gabe has authority to purchase new lights but will contact the supplier/manufacturer to see if it's a defect issue. Phase 1 of the deferred oak pruning happened in 2015. A Greenways Committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

ACC: Denise has a good committee. They debriefed after the annual meeting and are now working on their next survey. The committee is reviewing and researching covenants. They want to revise their Power Point presentation so it can be posted to the website. Committee is hoping to have a proposal by October for a neighborhood meeting. Current covenants are now electronic. The goal is to eliminate “guidelines” and truly make them “covenants”. Any changes will require 75% approval from the members. An attorney will review before finalizing.

Block Captains: Danielle Bashirulla has agreed to be captain for Foxboro.

Communications: We need to get all members into one database. Kathy will contact Gary or Ann Kakazu for their database and Eileen can provide her information. Kathy will gather into one Excel document that can be shared on Dropbox for board members (only) access. Kathy will also work with Gary on receiving information from the city so there is no interruption of that data. Tina noted that other neighborhoods have more active websites and is willing to update WGHA’s website using Word Press. Tina will work with Ann to update. Board agreed that the website should be the main portal for information. If it’s relevant, current and easy to use, members will learn to refer to it more often. Eric asked if a philosophical discussion was needed. The board previously discussed surveying members for their preferred method of communication and then noting the preference in the database for future communications.

Social: The bowling event attracted 80 people and went well with lots of new neighbors attending. On March 22nd there will be a gymnastics social. The Mom’s Group is starting to come together nicely. Kathy McComb is trying to connect with Kay Rutland (City of Madison) regarding grant funds for playground improvements. The Park Fund is available for WGHA use and Kathy is working with a group on ideas for improvements to the WG park equipment.

OLD BUSINESS;

Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Review Process: Kathy Raab provided a red-line copy of possible revisions to the current bylaws to the sub-committee and will provide to all directors for future discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Communications: See Communications section above.

Current Emails of Board Members:

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Adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:00pm

Next meeting: Sunday, April 26 at 4pm at Tina Hogle’s house – 2 Round Hill Circle

Submitted by Kathy Raab, Secretary