

ANNUAL MEETING
CHAMPIONS FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 28th, 2010

The Annual Meeting of Champions Forest Homeowners Association was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at Covenant Methodist Church by President Jayme Foley. She welcomed the attendees, thanked them for coming, and introduced the other members of the Board. There were about 15 people present.

President Foley asked everyone to review the Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, which were then approved by voice vote as written.

Jayme mentioned that our association frequently uses e-mail to handle problems and issues which arise, as opposed to having face-to-face meetings. Homeowners are encouraged to sign up for the email notification list and stay in touch.

Budget: Karen Hederstedt presented the Treasurer's Report: summary of income and expenses for this year to date, a projected balance at the end of the year, and a proposed budget for next year. Expenditures remain fairly stable, with the mowing cost for the greenbelt mostly dependent upon how much rainfall we get. Of course, we've had a bunch this fall! So far, \$3900 has been spent for mowing and there should be one more invoice by year's end.

The bank balance as of 9/30/10 was \$11,835.74 with a projected balance on 12/31/10 of \$11,957.79. Collections have gone well, and we may receive another \$5,000 this year. Karen had a stack of incoming mail with her from the Association's mailbox. Dues payments were also accepted at the meeting.

Total Projected Expenditures for 2010 are \$8,576.75. Because of flood damage to the trees near the entrance sign, Jayme proposed to add a line item of \$3,000 this year only, to remove the old railroad ties (already pulled out by Max Smith) and replace them with stone paving material. It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget for next year be amended as discussed and accepted, and that motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Guest Patrick McGuinness introduced himself and spoke for a few moments about his candidacy for the position of State Representative. He lives nearby, close to Canyon Vista Elementary School on Oak Knoll Drive.

Secretary Kathy Yancy reported primarily on her role representing Champions Forest with the Five Neighborhoods United/Hyde Park Baptist Church Quarries Committee. The church's 10 year building permit for that property on the south side of Duval Road is expiring, and the church desires to make changes to the original site plan. So far, those changes have not been agreed to by the neighborhoods, and the church is now applying for a Managed Growth Plan permit from the City of Austin to accomplish their goals. Those who are interested in staying informed on this topic may contact Kathy for additional developments, hearing dates, etc.

Vice President Tom Smith gave no report. He called for elections and asked if there were any additional nominees for the positions of President or Secretary. There were none, and both Jayme Foley and Kathy Yancy were re-elected by acclamation for two years. Kathy announced that this would be her final term as Secretary.

Projects: The greenbelt/creek area was successfully cleaned up a couple of years ago by a group headed by Carol Szerszen. We agree that it is the perfect time to do this again, now that the weather has moderated and the creekbed has been mowed. Carol spoke about how she organized the cleanup day and got the City of Austin Solid Waste Dept. to pick up the trash afterwards. It was suggested that we pick a convenient day (maybe Sunday, Nov. 14) and make up a sign for the greenbelt area asking for volunteers. We could also mail postcards to all homeowners, using Karen's mailing list and labels. It was

further suggested that we include a line on this same postcard inviting people to join the email notification list.

A related concern is the continuing drainage problem on Whispering Valley after a heavy rain, such as the one we had on Labor Day weekend. Vince gave a detailed description of the damage to the railroad tracks, as well as standing water in the street and in homeowners' yards. We discussed the part played in this by the Union Pacific railroad trestle and occasional debris that gets stuck there from the creek. It was suggested that we involve the City of Austin in getting some sort of screen or 'debris lift' installed to assist with water flow at peak times.

Another homeowner asked if we couldn't request that the City send the mowing crew more frequently to weed-eat in the creekbed. This would also be helpful with drainage during heavy rains. With budget constraints, this isn't very likely, we think. Perhaps the members of our association could organize an extra mowing day or two instead.

Carol brought up the traffic problems we all experience, trying to get in and out of the subdivision at Whispering Valley Drive. She asked if we might request that the City install the plastic posts currently used to prevent cars from crossing lane dividers such as the exit ramp of Highway 183 at Oak Knoll.

We also took down a list of missing street signs, such as the Stop or Yield sign at Misty Brook and Whispering Valley, and the No Outlet sign on Whispering Valley past Black Angus. Apparently this can be requested on the City's website, as reported by a homeowner. Jayme will be contacting the City about our various needs.

A final comment by Patrick McGuinness was that we remain organized and active in getting improvements made in our neighborhood. We should attend meetings and hearings as a group, to attract the attention of City Council members when the departments don't respond to our requests.

The business portion of this meeting concluded and Jayme adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Yancy
Secretary