

NOV 9, 2011 CCHCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

compiled by Judy Fraser, secretary

LOCATION: Pullen residence - 10004 Boxford Ct

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board members: Steve Caruso, Dia Pullen, Jennifer Melton, Jennifer Passey, Leslie Daniels, Margarita Diaz, Judy Fraser

Committee members: Jennifer Judelsohn, Toby Sorensen, Ernie Klimonda, Amy Levy, Rebecca Gregory
CCHCA members and guests: Jerry Sumrell, Jim Martin

Meeting convened at 7:30-- (quorum of minimum 5 board members present)

Guest Speaker: Jim Martin, arborist and owner of Earth Grow Tree Care, spoke to the group about common issues in caring for trees on suburban properties. He provided brochures and contact info.

Secretary: (Judy Fraser) No changes to the minutes from Aug 10, 2011 meeting and the board approved them.

Treasurer's report: (Dia Pullen) Restricted fund balance of \$883.67; Unrestricted fund balance of \$3729.41.

President's report: (Steve Caruso) Oktoberfest was a success with many talented performers of all ages. There is interest in additional music events at the common area and Steve suggested that such an event might be a good fundraiser. He promised to organize Oktoberfest next year. He then raised the issue of providing electric service at the common area pavilion. So far no money available from other sources. Toby suggested he discuss idea with city council members. Steve asked if the board is interested in inviting a landscape service representative to the next meeting and Congressman Connolly to the general meeting in May. Informal consensus to inquire if Rep. Connolly is available for May 16 meeting. Next issue is the neighborhood entrance signs. The signs are falling apart and will need to be repaired/replaced soon. Discussion ensued about raising money for the signs and the potential of holding a sign design contest. Amy and Jennifer J. volunteered to organize a fund raising drive.

VP Civic Affairs: Jennifer Passey reported that the September Candidate Nights event went well despite the heavy rainfall. She plans to hold another candidate event before the May 2012 city council election.

VP Block Captains: Leslie Daniels offered to start up a canned food drive in conjunction with neighborhood social events. She related to the group that she recently had to replace her sewer line and that it was very expensive. She is concerned that many neighbors don't know about the likelihood that all CCH homes will eventually need to replace the original sewer pipe if not done already. She has written an article for the newsletter about the issue.

VP Membership: Margarita Diaz reported that there are approximately 130 members for 2011. It has been very difficult to increase membership. The most successful method has been the membership form

that is attached to the newsletter. She also noted that several members have paid for two years. The Brief discussion ensued about raising dues to \$20 per year. Membership drive for 2012 is starting now and will run through January. Judy will make a sign for the entrances that advertise the membership drive and the Holiday neighborhood donation to Our Daily Bread.

VP Publications: Jennifer Melton described plans for the next newsletter. The format will be an abbreviated hard copy to be delivered to all households and a full version available online. Members who would like a hard copy of the full newsletter can call Jennifer M.

Directory: Toby Sorenson recommended an addendum-style directory for next year. The board informally concurred.

VP Social Activities: (Jennifer Kelly - absent) Santa visits scheduled for December 13 and 14. Jill Toth is organizing, and still needs one driver. Laura and Jennifer J will run the holiday decoration contest this year. Steve reported that Hildie Carney has offered to run it next year. Steve would like to make sure that there are volunteers in place to run all of the 2012 social events by February.

Community Appearance Committee: Jennifer Judelsohn asked for guidance on the holiday decoration contest. Ernie, Hildie, Toby, Judy can provide info from earlier contests. Jennifer M. suggested clearer identification of the winners this year to make it easier to find the houses.

Historian: Amy Levy will look for photos for online newsletter.

Electronic Media: (Ernie Klimonda, Judy Fraser) Judy confirmed that yahoo is going smoothly. Steve will ask Jerry and Ernie (both were at meeting but left before this item) to coordinate the online newsletter website with the current website.

Welcoming: no report

Recycling: no report

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.