

**Timber Hill Estates
Homeowner's General Meeting
12-8-08 7:00 pm**

- I. Treasurer's report (Brigitte Doleshal):** Our bank balance is \$16,730.62. Year to date expenses total \$7,138.87. The largest expenses are snow removal (\$1,185) and mowing (\$4,238). There are currently 6 homeowner's with unpaid 2008 dues.

A 2009 budget and five year projection was distributed to the attendees. The projections assume dues remain the same, everyone pays dues, and an average of a 10% increase in expenses each year. The budget also assumes maintaining a \$5,000 "Emergency Fund".

- II. Guest speakers (Cathy Jolly, KC City Council & Dan Tarwater, 4th District, Jackson County Representative):**
- a. Kathy informed the group of the various Committees that exist within the City Council, including the Public Safety & Neighborhoods Committee, Housing Committee, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Finance & Audit Committee, and Planning & Zoning. As a member of the Public Safety & Neighborhoods Committee, Kathy provided the following updates:
 - b. Bannister Mall / Three Trails Development: The Development group has purchased all of the property, it will be demolished by the end of the year to make way for a multi use development, including soccer fields for the KC Wizards and local kids' soccer teams, retail shops, and a potential location for the new South Patrol Police Stations.
 - c. Red Bridge Shopping Center: Owned by George Gilchrist, it is a Community Improvement District (CID). In a CID, the owners vote to increase their property taxes in order to help fund improvements and beautify the area. Zona Rosa in the Northland is an example of a successful CID.
 - d. Local update meetings are held at the Community Center at 99th & Holmes on the second Friday of each month at 7:30. Attendees receive updates on local projects and events in the Community. Many neighborhood Homeowner's Association members attend these informative meetings.
 - e. Cathy also encouraged the group to sign up for her e-mail list and receive notification of current projects and other events in the area. (Brigitte will send her a listing of our e-mail addresses). She urged the group to call 311 – the City Hall action line for problems or issues concerning City services such as snow removal. Another alternative includes calling Cathy's office directly or reviewing her website. She is here for us and is very willing to help with any concerns we have.

- f. Questions: Does the City reimburse HOA's for contracted snow removal?
Answer: Probably not, but Cathy will check into it. Dan noted that the City used to provide reimbursement, but was not sure if they still would due to budget constraints.
- g. Dan provided the following updates: on the Chiefs & Royals stadiums. Both teams have renewed their leases for another 25 years.
- h. The intersection at Wornall & Blue Ridge will be widened to include turning lanes. Question: Will the expansion include stoplights? Answer: Dan was unsure but would follow up.
- i. Santa Fe Road: construction was supposed to be done on the road by the end of this month. The rest of the improvements (grass, plants, landscaping, etc.) will be completed in the spring.
- j. Dan also expressed the desire to help residents with whatever problems or issues we have. He stated "We can help if we know what you need."
- k. Question: What can be done about extending the sidewalks immediately outside / in front of Timber Hill Estates? Answer: Cathy suggested contacting Ann O'Hare as a Council member who could help with the application process for extending the sidewalks. There is a Committee that decides where the funding for such a project will come from. We can call Cathy's office to get in touch with Ann. Brett Voitenko volunteered to call, complete the application, and submit it to Dan Tarwater.
 - i. Bill Hillix informed the Representatives that as a developer he paid for sidewalk construction as part of three houses that were built on Wornall, so the money should be available to complete the sidewalks and widen the streets. Cathy volunteered to check into this if we would call her office and remind her.
- l. Ashburn Development: The developer has applied for extensions on the building permits. The Committee will vote on the application, but Cathy noted there are several problems the developer must address. The vote will be held via an open meeting. Cathy's website has the details of where and when the meeting will be held.
- m. Martin City: As another CID, Cathy suggested the owner's of Jess & Jim's as possible speakers for future HOA meetings.
- n. Question: Has there been any talk of a recall on the Mayor's election: The group discussed several problems and frustrations with the Mayor's office. A recall would take 17,000 signatures collected within 30 days.

III. President's Report (Bob Ray):

- a. There are two Board positions up for re-election. The Board members currently in those roles have agreed to run for the positions again. Since there were no other candidates for the open Board positions, Gary Burgess will continue as Vice President and Charlotte Humphrey will continue as a Board member.
- b. The Vice President's position will be responsible for the newly created Cemetery Committee, including Lisa Foster and Phil Melton as members.

- c. Phil Melton has two safety related signs that will be posted in the neighborhood. One sign indicates we participate in Neighborhood Watch and the other reads "Drive Carefully: We Love Our Children". Phil and Brett Voitenko will post these signs.
- d. Safety: 2 weeks ago someone tried to break into one of our neighbors' back door at 2:15 in the morning. There was also another report of a car that was broken into at approximately 4 am. Gary Burgess urged everyone to call either him or Brent Parsons, also of KCPD, if we see any unfamiliar people in the neighborhood.
- e. Dues & Expenses: We currently have 3 bids for repairing the retention pond behind the Doleshal and Jackson properties. The highest bid was \$6,000. After some discussion, the group motioned and approved the Board to spend up to \$6,000 to repair the erosion of the retention pond.
 - i. Dues will remain at \$360 / year for now.
 - ii. Snow removal: The Board reviewed 3 bids and hired one of the contractors. Snow will be plowed if there are 2 or more inches on the ground.
 - iii. The Board will be looking into options for improving the landscaping in the area, including possibly planting pear trees.
 - iv. Question: Can we have a contest for Christmas lights? Answer: After some discussion, it was decided that we may implement such a contest next year.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.