

Verona Hills Homes Association

Minutes for April 17, 2012 Board Meeting...Larry Engel (Host)

Attendance: Joe Davidson, Larry Engel, Tom Kenagy, Ed McHardie, Susan Richart, Richard Scarritt, and Shirley Weglarz

- The **minutes** from the March 20, 2012 board meeting were approved
- **Neighborhood Issues:** Joe reviewed a few issues that had come to his attention. Most were resolved by referring the resident to 311. He also mentioned the Center Planning council and the South Kansas City Alliance, both of which he has been monitoring.
- Larry Engel presented the March **financial results**. The board approved a motion to not pursue collection of legal expenses on the Blakely account. The Blakely's had paid their outstanding assessments just prior to the court date for the judgment. The board also agreed that we would not incur any additional legal expenses at this time to collect outstanding judgments from those who are not making payments. The judgments create a lien for ten years. At the very least we will collect if the properties are refinanced or sold. We will be discussing the budget for next year at the May meeting. Committee chairs are to submit their budget requests to Larry Engel by May 1.
- Ed gave an extensive report on his activities related to **Grounds**. He has resolved with Arbor Masters some issues regarding mowing in the commons areas, including the island and 119th and Wornall that they had missed. He will check with Peter Gross regarding the frequency of the extra mowings in the Park.
He has also pursued with the city a complaint about branches growing over the sidewalk near 120th and State Line. He also is attempting to have Town and Country take care of damage to one of our islands caused by one of their trucks. His next step will be to report it to the city.
He is also investigating a recommendation from Arbor Masters for planting low maintenance perennial flowers at our two primary entrances. He reported that the city is now indicating that they are willing to go ahead and cut out the dead trees along State Line as long as we agree to make appropriate replacements. Earlier they had wanted our replacement plan before they did any work.
Finally, Richard suggested that we ask residents if they would like to adopt a commons area to plant and maintain flowers. The Communication Committee will pursue.
- Discussion of **sidewalks** was deferred until the May meeting.
- **Communications:** Shirley reported that the new directory will be ready to distribute in about a month. The board will handle distribution rather than incur postage expense. Tom agreed to head up a proposal to promote area beautification, such as sponsoring a Yard of the Month award.

- **Security:** Richard has signed up for a new text alert program from the city. He also confirmed that the association has no restrictions on pit bulls beyond the city leash and neutering requirements.
- **Complaints:** Susan reported on recent complaints, including from Dr. Kurz regarding the outbuilding and lack of maintenance on the above ground pool in their neighbor's back yard.
The board agreed to establish a subcommittee (Joe, Susan and Richard) to recommend a board policy regard outbuildings going forward. Our restrictions do not allow outbuildings without our written approval. However, there are currently a few in the neighborhood.
Susan also reported a request for approval to add a sunroom. We granted that approval since we have not restrictions against them.
- **Events:** Joe reported nothing new, except that we still need a volunteer to head that committee, and someone to champion the garage sale.
- **Next Meeting:** May 15