

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the March 8th, 2006 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at the home of Dave Hardin. Present were Ann Nixon, Kirby Upjohn, Dave Hardin, Susan Hard, Glennis Walker and Ann Schleihs. Guests were Joan Gastinger and Theresa Larson. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

TREASURERS REPORT - DAVE

- A second billing for the annual dues was sent in February. It appears that a high percentage of neighbors are paying the voluntary \$60. WPHA funds currently are very good.

SECURITY

- The crime report showed a couple of burglaries and larceny in our neighborhood and West Plaza. Although crime is relatively low, neighbors are still encouraged to always be on the lookout for any suspicious activity.

ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 6, 2006

- The Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm at Pembroke Hill's cafeteria. Complementary desserts will be served. Neighbors will soon receive in the mail the meeting announcement.
- Agenda: new board candidates, block captains, treasury report, island and stone markers update, etc.
- As people arrive to take name tags, Ann S. will encourage neighbors to fill vacancies for block captains.

ROSTER

- Glennis is in the process of creating a new neighborhood roster. She showed several pages of layout. It's looking great! Everyone is thrilled about having a new updated roster.
- The booklet would also contain important phone numbers, city numbers and advertisers.
- Ann S. will provide a cover design using the WPHA fountain logo.

BLOCK CAPTAINS - JOAN GASTINGER

- Joan Gastinger, who has lead the block captains effort in our neighborhood, joined the meeting along with Teresa Larson, another block captain.
- 18 of the 22 designated block sections currently have captains.
- Following up from the recent block captain meeting, Joan wanted to communicate to the board two of the top neighborhood topics. First would be neglected properties. The board has been asked to define standards and procedures, which could be published in a future newsletter. The second is the Westwood Park improvements and how block captains can perhaps assist.

PROBLEM PROPERTIES

- Six years and twenty-two court dates later, the fines and charges against the rat house have virtually been dropped. The rat house now has a new roof.

- A neighbor with disabilities has asked for help in maintaining her yard.
- Kirby suggested Pembroke students who are in need of volunteer project could be a good option.

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Some locations are not spacious enough for a standard stone marker. Kirk Gastinger will provide Ann N. with a smaller alternative that uses wrought iron and stone.

NEWSLETTER

- Next newsletter will be published after the annual meeting.
- Possibly include an article about the rat house--a follow up from the newspaper article and the six year battle between the neighborhood and property owners, as well as the city.
- An article defining procedures in taking action against neglected properties.
- Include a drawing of the smaller modified stone markers.
- Also, winners of the Holiday Decorating contest and Home of the Month.

NEW BUSINESS

- The steering committee for Westwood Park will meet later in March.
- Discussions about the increased property taxes that recently took effect.

NEXT MEETING

- The WPHA Annual Meeting is Thursday, April 6th 7:00pm at Pembroke Hill.