

**ASHWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes from Board Meeting**  
**January 8, 2008**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Goldman, President, at 7:00 PM.

Directors present were Lisa Goldman, Robin Moore, Chris Lupoi, Tim Sapp, Tate Painter, Susan Noll and Lisa Kuosmanen.

Also present was Beverly Mau.

Directors not present were Beth Wilson and Craig Lombardi.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 24, 2007 meeting were approved with no changes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

In response to the proposal to raise annual dues to \$150/year, we received 19 positive responses (14 via e-mail & 5 via postal mail) and only one "no" vote. Non-responses were counted as "yes" votes.

Therefore, we will move forward with the increase.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The association currently has a balance of \$3,782.49 in our account (in 2007 we had a surplus of \$1,185.23). Robin Moore will send out 2008 dues letters within the next week (payments will be due by February 15, 2008). She will request that payments be returned to her via postal mail. She will also complete our tax return by March 15, 2008.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Architectural Control Committee

No report

Community Enrichment

- New residents Heather and Ryan Bennett have moved into 2862 Royal Bluff. Susan Noll will update a welcome basket and then drop it off.
- Susan will also follow-up with Craig Lombardi regarding the organization of neighborhood activities such as tennis and a book club.
- The board decided to not schedule a social at this time.

Neighborhood Watch

- We have collected signatures in support of our Neighborhood Watch activities from approximately half of our residents. Beverly Mau will follow-up with Beth Wilson to determine how we will collect the remaining signatures needed (we need participation by 75% of our households in order to become an active Neighborhood Watch group per the DeKalb Police Department). Beverly and Beth will also discuss the protocol that should be followed regarding reporting Neighborhood Watch activities (who will receive the call from a resident, who will contact the DeKalb Police, how block captains will help, etc.). Beverly stressed that we need to report all incidents, even if they are as small as a stolen flower pots, so the DeKalb Police can be kept abreast of our issues.

- The neighbors across from Craig Lombardi reported that a strange car was parked in front of their house. Lisa Goldman will follow-up with Craig to get more information (date, time, description, etc.) so Beverly Mau can pass the information along to our DeKalb Police contact, Ms. Hightower.
- It was reported that cars have repeatedly been parked in front of a house on Royal Bluff (the house is occupied by renters). Robin Moore will contact owner Ellie Vickers to inform her of the situation.

#### Property Maintenance

- It was reported that the landscapers will be putting down pine straw the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board discussed the possibility of updating our plantings at the front entrance (adding perennials, low water impact landscaping, etc.). Beverly Mau will reach out to an arborist she knows to source a quote regarding a new plan for the landscaping. She will report her findings at the next meeting.
- The “No Soliciting” signs are here! One sign has been placed by the Noll’s house along Royal Bluff. Chris Lupoi and Craig Lombardi will work together to place the other sign near the entrance to our neighborhood between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trees at an angle so that it will be in the line of sight of those entering the neighborhood in their vehicles. This sign will be set in concrete.
- Susan Noll will place a reminder in the newsletter that yard signs (except for real estate signs) are prohibited.

#### Website

No report

#### New Business

No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at Tate Painter’s house (2845 Ashwood Place).

Minutes prepared by Lisa Kuosmanen