

Goldcrest Homeowners Association November 21, 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

Final

1. Initial Actions

The fall meeting of the Goldcrest Homeowners Association was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chris Rose, President, in the multi-purpose room of Marshall Middle School.

A member moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Another member seconded and the members approved the motion unanimously.

Chris Rose named and recognized member volunteers for a variety of recent activities, including greenbelt invasive plant removal this summer, potted cedar planting this fall, Diane Alfonso for the garage sale, and the members of the Covenants and Architectural Control committees.

A quorum call revealed that twenty-five lots were represented in person or by proxy, so a quorum was not achieved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tony Mailhot summarized the association's finances as sound, with approximately \$75,000 in the bank and a reserve account that has been fully funded the last two years. The association received a clean audit report, its IRS issues have been resolved, the contracted accountant is performing well, and the board is following up with dues delinquencies to protect the association's interests.

3. Bylaws Amendments and Communications

Because no quorum was achieved, action on the bylaws changes was deferred.

Chris Rose announced upcoming cedar planting in January and February. He also noted that the board will need several new members in March, and asked those present to spread the word and to even consider volunteering themselves. He asked for feedback on the experiment with emailing the newsletter. And, he mentioned that some keys had been found at the mailboxes at Goldcrest Drive and Easthill Place, south of Goldcrest Dr.

4. Community Safety Update

Lt Bill Wilson, crime prevention specialist Amy Stull, and Officer Nicole Glenn visited from the Olympia Police Dept. (OPD) and Georgia Sabol represented the City's Code Enforcement unit.

Lt Wilson reviewed the crime statistics for the city, the Westside, and the neighborhood and his department's approach to crime in the city. The OPD works closely with the parks dept. and other areas law enforcement. In response to comments about transients in the area, he replied that there is a strong correlation between transients and crime. Lt Wilson also discussed the changes at the department, including a lot of new hires, including Officer Glenn.

Ms. Stull discussed some of the statistics presented, noting that service calls are up – which is great, because that means the neighborhood is calling the police when there are concerns – while some crimes, including burglary, are down this year. She attributed this improvement to arrests and education.

Georgia Sabol talked about her work as the Code Enforcement person for West Olympia, where she focuses on civil matters, while working with the police on criminal matters, as well. Code Enforcement's focus is on preserving the housing stock and they have to prioritize the most critical and urgent matters.

Goldcrest Homeowners Association

November 21, 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

Final

During a question period following these remarks, several topics were discussed, including how to deal with noisy neighbors (call the police, code enforcement has industrial noise complaints); what impact the new marijuana law will have (not a great deal, mostly in traffic enforcement); how prepared are police to deal with people with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries (very prepared, sensitive, and well-trained, for those issues and for mental illness and substance abuse); and whether the police do patrols in the greenbelt (they do when asked to)

5. Neighborhood Listening Session

The meeting turned the neighbor's concerns and it started with discussions of empty houses, some abandoned, some not. Board members provided brief updates on 1718 Medallion Lp (Karen Olsen), 3729 Goldcrest Hts (Whitesell), 3922 Hillview Ct (Brady Rubidoux), and 1817 Cameo Ct (Wells Fargo Bank).

Ruta Maeta suggested a tree between her back yard and Goldcrest Hts for a risk assessment.

Use and maintenance of the greenbelt was discussed, as well. If a member has an interest in the greenbelt, he or she should contact the board or volunteer with Pete Lindemann. It is not permitted to work on the greenbelt on your own or to dispose of yard waste in the greenbelt.

Angela Poole asked what to do about a neighbor who does not maintain her yard. The answer was to file a written complaint under the Covenants.

Bob Jones described the city's recent changes to Cooper Point Rd, including the left turn lane into Goldcrest Dr and the left turn light southbound at Conger. In response to a question about a light at 14th and Cooper Point Rd, in response to anticipated increases in traffic along 14th, Bob said he's start working on that. Bob also reported that he knew of no plans for more sidewalks along Cooper Point or 14th Ave.

A member asked about other varieties of trees in the board's planting plans. Chris Rose replied that the western red cedars were recommended for their lifespan and resiliency but that we were open to other suggestions.

In response to a question about street lights, Chris Rose explained that Puget Sound Energy maintains Goldcrest's street lights and so lights that are out should be reported to them at pse.com.

Phil Schulte reminded the members present of the accomplishments of the last year, including planting for the future in the greenbelt, a greatly improved financial situation, the use of professional financial management, and improvements in communication with the email newsletter, etc.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.