

Goldcrest Homeowners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Final

Meeting date: **June 18, 2015**

Meeting location: Frost & Company, P.S., 824 State Ave NE

Members attending: Simon Calcavecchia, Tony Mailhot, Madelaine Smith, and Bonnie Herrington.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Madelaine Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 21 board meeting. Simon Calcavecchia seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

3. Treasurer Report

Tony Mailhot reported on the financial status of the association. The association is in good financial condition. Balance in accounts is approximately \$105,000, including \$38,000 in the Reserve account. Bills are all current. Tony Mailhot transferred \$20,000 to savings and \$8,000 to the Reserve account so it's up to date.

There are 17 delinquent accounts, which is about half as many as there were this same time last year. There is about \$7000 more in the account than last year due to less delinquent accounts and because of the \$25 increase in the assessment.

There was one request for an assessment for 1807 Cameo Ct. Past due notices went out yesterday, June 17. There will not be interest charged on the extra \$25 until July for those who paid before the dues amount was raised at the annual meeting. Misty Duncan and Frank/Dennie Meza received their past due notices via Certified letters since they are both behind in payments by more than one year. Bonnie Herrington reviewed the letters that were sent and said they were well done.

The association income tax return has been filed for 2014.

Mark Bergeson, Chair of the Audit Committee, is scheduled to attend the next board meeting on July 16, 2015 to explain the procedure the committee will follow for the internal audit.

Madelaine Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Bonnie Herrington seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Goldcrest Signs and Swingsets

Tony Mailhot will unbolt the two entrance signs tonight to give to the painter, Chris Sharp, tomorrow. Simon Calcavecchia will give them to the painter, who will sand them and paint/stain the background forest green with reflective white lettering so they can be easily seen in the dark when strangers are looking for Goldcrest. Simon will check with Chris as to the cost of also painting the swing set forest green. If it is too much, John Knoldt will paint the swing set with the leftover paint/stain from the signs.

5. Summer BBQ/Potluck

Bonnie Herrington and Simon Calcavecchia will organize this for Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Board members will bring folding tables, chairs and large water coolers. There is a \$100 budget to purchase ice, plates, napkins, forks, cups and other misc. expenses. Bonnie will ask the Fire Dept. to

bring a truck for the kids and a compost bin for the paper goods. It will be a potluck so no grills will be brought.

6. Maintenance

Madelaine Smith reported on recent activity including 100 yards of bark being blown onto Rhody Hill this week by Northwest Materials. They have done an excellent job and this should keep the weeds from growing so much.

Getting water to our recently planted rhodies is a problem in this dry year. Madelaine Smith will contact homeowners who live near the plants and ask them to adopt the plants and keep them watered throughout the summer.

Madelaine Smith is collecting bids for the landscape design and clearing of Ivy Hill. She has not yet seen a contract from the City for the matching grant which will go toward the replanting of the hill in December.

7. Habitat Report

Bonnie Herrington met with Jesse Barham at the City to discuss the Greenbelt assessment of Goldcrest. There is a large amount of spurge laurel all around Sunnyvale Ct. properties and on 14th Street. It has to be removed or we will be fined by the City. Jesse Barham suggested the only way to clear that large of an area is by spraying it. Bonnie Herrington will get the names of the acceptable pesticides and whether or not they require the person spraying to be licensed.

There is also a large amount of blackberry bushes that need to be removed next to Rhody Hill and in the south ravine. Because of the proximity in the ravine to the stream, a special aqua-pesticide will need to be used. Bonnie Herrington will get the names of the pesticides. The bushes will need to be cut down, hauled away and then sprayed. This should be done after their growing season in September.

The City would like us to remove the rest of our ivy, too. There is a patch on Road 65 and Ivy Hill.

The City is concerned about two areas of periwinkle. It is coming from homeowners' properties on Cameo Ct so the homeowners need to be informed that it is a noxious weed. Bonnie Herrington will contact the homeowners, inform them of the situation and request they cover the periwinkle growing in the Greenbelt with black plastic/rocks for six months. The City absolutely does not want this to spread further into the Greenbelt.

Simon Calcavecchia signed a contract with the City agreeing to accept \$500 to \$5000 to help remove these invasive plants and then replant the areas with native plants. Bonnie Herrington will organize a work party of homeowners in the late Fall to replant.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is July 16, 2015 and will be held at Frost & Company, P.S., 824 State Ave NE.