

Goldcrest Homeowners Association

November 20, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

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1. Initial Actions

The fall meeting of the Goldcrest Homeowners Association was called to order at 7:05 PM by Simon Calcavecchia, President, in the multi-purpose room of Marshall Middle School. Twenty-three lots were represented by members present.

The minutes of the March 31, 2014 association membership meeting were approved on a motion from Bob Jones, seconded by a member.

Simon Calcavecchia introduced the board and recognized the volunteers who keep the neighborhood looking good. He also solicited volunteers for the audit committee, which will have an audit report to review in a few months.

2. Board Reports

Simon Calcavecchia announced that the association's website will soon be available at Goldcrest.us. It will display information about the neighborhood, forms, and board and committee reports.

Madelaine Smith reported on the landscaped greenbelt, starting with a new landscaper, Sage Landscaping, who started in August and is working on Fridays. Sage has already cleaned up the Cooper Point entrance and is working toward Road 65. Once the city repairs the drainage along Goldcrest Drive running down to Cooper Point, we'll begin replacing the ivy, as part of the continuing effort to remove the invasive species. She also mentioned that there are plans for a chipper and dumpster and some painting in the spring.

Bruce Livingston reported on the wooded greenbelt, starting with the tree assessment, focused on hazard trees in the greenbelt. He accompanied the arborist on his survey and has a preliminary report, which contains a few priority hazards, but much good news. The cedars planted in the woods over the last year or two are doing well. He's also working on the moss on the curbs and sidewalks and would welcome some volunteer assistance.

Bob Jones reviewed recent activities by the city, including the culvert work along Cooper Point at Goldcrest Drive and the upcoming LED streetlight replacements along Goldcrest Drive. He accepted requests to follow up on crosswalks and a streetlight at Cooper Point and 14th/Walnut.

Mike Kretzler, in Tony Mailhot's absence, did a brief report on the finances of the association. A more complete report will be required in the spring, as the budget for the year will be approved in that meeting.

3. Greenbelt Stewardship Plan

Jesse Barham, Habitat Coordinator with Olympia's Public Works, updated the group on the Greenbelt Stewardship program, including the sample plots run this past summer in the greenbelt. Goldcrest's greenbelt is important to the city because it forms part of the source of Green Cove Creek. The full report is not yet complete, but the initial report shows good quality habitat. Projects expected will include invasive species removal, addition of additional native plants, and volunteer coordination.

4. Abandoned Houses Update

Georgia Sabol, our neighborhood's Code Enforcement officer, visited to update us on the abandoned houses in our neighborhood. She praised the association for its concern about the neighborhood and admitted to frustration with how often the lenders fail to quickly take responsibility for their buildings.

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There is a possibility that the city may work to develop some additional tools for this kind of problem, so that responding to abandoned houses will be easier.

The Hillview property is now moving, in part due to the letter she sent them. She also has some ideas about the Goldcrest Heights property.

Following her remarks, she answered several questions, including the couch in one yard (leave the address with her) and general nuisances (talk to the neighbors, call the police).

5. Member Comments

A neighbor raised the question of getting snow removal on Easthill Place. Bob Jones reported that city policy (and capability) is that Cooper Point will receive first priority, Goldcrest Drive second, and that no other street in the neighborhood will receive plowing. There was some discussion about private plowing, which would cost considerable money.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.