

Goldcrest Homeowners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Final

Meeting date: **November 17, 2015**

Meeting location: Marshall Middle School, 3939 20th Ave NW

Members attending: Simon Calcavecchia, Diana Alfonso, Bonnie Herrington, Tony Mailhot, Sandy Nelson, Madelaine Smith, and Mike Kretzler.

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 October 20 board meeting. Bonnie Herrington seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

3. New Board Member

Sandy Nelson reported on the questions she volunteered to answer. She confirmed that we own the post boxes. The group agreed that we need an inventory of the problems with the boxes. We should also take care with how we describe the board turn-over in the newsletter.

4. Maintenance

Madelaine Smith reported that the five troublesome cottonwoods between north Easthill Pl and Cooper Point have been removed by South Sound Tree and Landscape. Chris Rose (1706 Easthill Pl), the homeowner whose yard was invaded by the trees' roots, was pleased with the work.

She also reported that the planting on the formerly ivy-covered hill has been completed, except for 38 more plants, which will cost another \$900.

Diana Alfonso moved to go ahead with the additional planting, if we can cover it in the budget. Mike Kretzler seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

At this point, Tony Mailhot had not yet joined the meeting. When he did arrive, he was able to confirm that we had the money to spend.

Simon reassured the Feresters (1723 Easthill Pl) about the health of some trees in the greenbelt adjacent to their property, based on the review by Bob Obedzinski, our arborist.

Bonnie Herrington reported on plans for a \$5000 grant from the city to remove more blackberries between Goldcrest Hts and the gully to the east. The intention is to plant trees there.

5. Newsletter and Outreach

Bonnie Herrington described her ideas for the newsletter. She proposes sending it via email and posting notices on the mailboxes to direct neighbors to the website. This will work for this newsletter (though not everyone will be able to access it that way), but will not work for the meeting agendas.

- Bonnie will send a draft soon.

The board discussed plans for the Facebook page that Bonnie proposes. Its purpose would be messages and education. It should have multiple administrators. Bonnie is checking with other associations to see what they're doing.

Bonnie asked about Bob Jones' role with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations and how it relates to Goldcrest.

- Simon will talk to Bob about this.

6. Treasurer Report

Tony Mailhot reported on the association's finances, which are solid, though with a balance of a few thousand dollars below this time last year. We used reserve funds for the monuments' maintenance. There were two information requests this month: 1807 Cameo Ct and 3805 Westpark Ct.

He discussed the delinquent accounts. It looks like the Whitesell property (3729 Goldcrest Hts) is going to foreclosure. He received a communication from the bank that suggested that a new assessment might be paid.

Tony Mailhot moved that we reassess 3729 Goldcrest Hts (the Whitesell property) for outstanding dues, fees, and interest. Diana Alfonso seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

- Tony will send an assessment letter with this news.
- Tony will call the O'Connells (1424 Sunnyvale Ct) to see if they'll pay.

Mike Kretzler moved to approve the treasurer report. Diana Alfonso seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

7. Other business

Tony Mailhot followed up the visit with Diana Alfonso to 1404 Sunnyvale Ct (no one home) with a phone call. This concerns the land clearing at the back of the property, along 14th Ave, partially on greenbelt and partly on city right of way. The owner wasn't happy, but seemed willing to make amends to the landscape. We agreed to coordinate with the city to help resolve this.

- Bonnie will find us a contact at the city to work with.

Madelaine Smith got a call from a neighbor about the condition of the house and yard at 3721 Goldcrest Hts. She looked at the yard and it did not look overgrown, just natural. The gutter needing repair isn't particularly visible. It doesn't seem that there's much the association can or should do about this.

We received an inquiry about installing a newspaper box to prevent wet newspapers. These are specifically disallowed by the covenants.

- Tony will follow up with the homeowner as an Architectural Control matter.

Bob Jones noted a hammock along Goldcrest Dr across from the main park.

- Bonnie will talk to the people at 3804 Westpark Ct, the presumed installers of the hammock.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is December 15 and will be held at Marshall Middle School, 3939 20th Ave NW