

Goldcrest Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes

Final

Meeting date: **January 19, 2016**

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

Members attending: 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. Diana Alfonso presided in Simon Calcavecchia's absence.

2. Approval of Minutes

Madelaine Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 15 board meeting. Tony Mailhot seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

Tony Mailhot moved to accept the draft minutes of the March 19, 2015 membership meeting. Mike Kretzler seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

3. Treasurer Report

Tony Mailhot reported that the association's balances are reduced, as expected, but are sufficient for the next three months, until revenue starts coming in again. He transferred funds to handle the work along Goldcrest Dr ("ivy hill") and will adjust the CD when it comes due. He sent notices of renewed assessments on the two foreclosed properties at 1408 Sunnyvale Ct (Meza) and 3729 Goldcrest Hts (Whitesell).

Budget for 2016-17

The board reviewed the budget proposal that Tony prepared. It projects an ending cash balance of approximately \$17,000 after a \$25/lot dues increase. The following changes were made as the result of discussions:

- A 5% contingency for Sage Landscaping
- Bark for two locations in the landscaping for \$6000
- Reduce tree planting to \$500
- Reduce tree and shrub maintenance, site preparation, and arborist to 0
- Set tree pruning to \$1500
- Rename "ivy and brush" to "vegetation control"
- Increase reserve funding to \$9000

Mike Kretzler moved to approve the treasurer's report and the adjusted budget proposal. Sandy Nelson seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

Tony will seek three bids for the accounting contract.

4. City Grant

Madelaine Smith reported on her conversations with the City's Jesse Barham about the clearing work and replanting on the hill north of Goldcrest Dr between the gully and Goldcrest Hts. Jesse approved of the clearing work. He was able to persuade Madelaine on the plant species to put there with a very good deal on the plants and the offer to plant them at city expense. The plan is for 200 native plants overall.

5. Newsletter, Membership meeting

Newsletter content is due Jan 29 and the final newsletter must be mailed by Feb 2. Mike Kretzler plans to do the mailing Feb 1 to ensure a Feb 2 postmark.

Three board positions are up for election. Madelaine Smith is considering not continuing, but she has a potential successor in mind. Simon Calcavecchia will reportedly continue and Diana Alfonso is also willing to continue.

Action items

- Tony Mailhot will send the treasurer's report and revised budget proposal.
- Bonnie Herrington will send a website and Facebook notice.
- Mike Kretzler will compile the newsletter and mail it (postal and email).

6. Communications

Bonnie Herrington is interested in using the mailboxes for posting flyers and other communication, so she's looking at ways to affix notices, etc.

Mike Kretzler moved to approve \$100 spending on mailbox signs for communicating with our members. Madelaine Smith seconded and the board approved the motion unanimously.

7. Landscaping

Madelaine Smith opened discussion of timing for barking the cleared area below Goldcrest Hts mentioned above. The board agreed that waiting until April made sense. She also reported that Sage Landscaping will be rolling the grassy park along Goldcrest Dr and completing some cleanup projects before things start growing in the spring.

8. Mailboxes

Sandy Nelson visited the mailboxes and brought more information about their conditions. There are six parcel boxes that are open and without a key as well as one missing door (Sunnyvale Ct).

9. Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

Sandy reported that she attended the latest meeting of the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations. Our neighbor Phil Schulte is the president. No new Pathways grants will be made this year.

10. Other business

Tony Mailhot reported that a recent Architectural Control Committee application was approved.

The minutes from last March's membership meeting reminded us of the plan to form a committee to see if there were ways to protect the association's rights in the event of foreclosure on a property that is delinquent on dues. This committee has not met.

The board discussed the situation in the back yard of 1404 Sunnyvale Ct, where the owner has cleared in the greenbelt and the city right of way. The board is concerned that the plantings will be inappropriate for the greenbelt and that the fence will encroach into the greenbelt. And that to make any planting in the greenbelt requires the greenbelt approval form and the fence requires an ACC form.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting is February 16 and will be held at Marshall Middle School, 3939 20th Ave NW