

## 2008 Annual Meeting Notes

June 10, 2008

First off, I want to thank everyone who attended or sent in their proxy form for the Annual Meeting. This was by far the largest crowd we have ever had at one of these meetings! I hope we can continue in a positive direction, and keep people motivated so that they will continue to be involved.

Following the agenda (in order) for the evening, I will list some of the highlights below. I do want to note that the minutes below are my own "unofficial" notes.

a) Meeting came to order at 6:33pm

b) Proof of notice of Reconvened Meeting given.

c) Minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting were not read, but were approved.

d) Reports of officers:

i) President report (Kelly Luke) – Now in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year being a fully homeowner run association. Things are much better, but still continuing to come to some normalcy.

ii) Member-at-Large report (Lee Bacon) – No information to present

iii) Treasurer (Scott Domeier) – Finances are in good shape. From the budget last year, we had a positive balance of about \$3,000. Scott wanted to clarify why the association has its own insurance policy. As an organization, we are required to have insurance as we have real; property and assets to protect. In addition, board members also take on a personal liability in representing homeowners, and there is the possibility that individuals on the board can be sued, so maintaining insurance protects us all. Noted that of the income collected from dues, about \$2,000 is put away in a reserve fund to help repair/replace items in the future, like the entrance monuments for example (which both cost about \$45,000 when they were constructed).

iv) Vice President – Board member not in attendance.

v) Secretary – Board member not in attendance

e) Committee reports:

i) Social - No update.

ii) Architectural (Lee Bacon) – 26 applications were received over the past year, and most were approved. Remember that you must submit an application prior to starting any job.

iii) Maintenance (Kelly Luke) – Kelly noted that after many years, we finally have completed our largest project, the landscaping on the 65<sup>th</sup> St. berm. This year, we are looking into putting in an irrigation system at the 70<sup>th</sup> St. & Granada entrance as well as doing more landscaping to all the entrances and in the cul-de-sac islands. The irrigation system is to be run off one of the homes close to that land. Pictures of the proposed island landscaping were available to view. We will also be looking into some type of landscaping on the berm area of those homes on 70<sup>th</sup> St. (Meadow Grass entrance side). The landscaping projects proposed this year are projected to cost about \$22,000. Questions arose regarding the cost of this project. Kelly noted that if we can get a large volunteer crew interested in working on this project, we could eliminate a contractor doing the job and save that portion of the expense, however, if we only get a few volunteers, it would not be practical to move in that direction.

Question arose regarding some of the properties in our area that do not seem to keep up with their yard/violations. Where are complaints to be directed? All complaints should be directed to Gassen. Gassen reviews the complaints and takes action on many of the items they receive before the “board” even knows about the issue. When a complaint is made, Gassen sends a letter to the homeowner reminding them that they must take care of the problem. If you do not see any action within a reasonable amount of time, then it is recommended that another complaint be submitted. Homeowners complained about Gassen and that they seem to be a poor job in managing things. In addition, many homeowners noted that staff at Gassen is rude (which was a surprise to Kelly Luke). Gassen is supposed to handle all calls and should not be rude. The “board” feels Gassen is doing a good job, and if instances occur where you feel staff is rude, please contact one of the “board” members. Kelly introduced our new Gassen property manager, Erica Gunderson (who can be reached at 952-253-4929 or at [egunderson@gassen.com](mailto:egunderson@gassen.com)).

f) Election of Directors – There were 3 people (Richard Koy, Jeffrey Mack, and Lewis Stein) on the ballot for the 2 open board seats. Kelly opened it up on the floor for any other nominations. Cathryn Lande made herself available and was added to the list of candidates. All candidates had a few minutes to stand in front of all the homeowners and tell a little about themselves and why they were running for office. After the introductions, question arose as to whether the candidates running for a “board” seat knew their immediate neighbors. All candidates said that they did...and gave names of their neighbors. Voting took place, and meeting was recessed until ballots were counted. After ballots were counted, it was announced that Richard Koy and Lewis Stein were elected as the newest members of the “board.”

After the announcement was made of the new “board” members, the meeting dissolved without a formal adjournment or any real conclusion. Item “g” – unfinished business and item “h” – new business, were never even brought up for discussion.

***It is my personal belief that these 90-minute Annual Meetings do not allow enough time for homeowners to ask and receive answers to all of the questions that they have regarding our association. I plan to propose that for the future we either expand the time limit allowed for these meetings, or have bi-annual meetings, where one meeting would be dedicated just as a question and answer session.***