

**SIGNAL HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 2457, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22152  
MINUTES OF SHHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

The October 2004 SHHA Board Meeting was held on October 21 at Sharon Bulova's Office.

**BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Ed Rahme - Vice President	Linda Wirth - Secretary
Pat Hamel - At Large	David Black - Treasurer
Gene Ackerman - BRD Representative	Becky Woodward - ACC

**OCTOBER 2004 BOARD MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING** - Ed called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September minutes were already approved electronically but Linda had added an update from Ed about the parking petition after the approval. The Board Members read the update and approved the updated minutes.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. ACC – Becky Woodward**

1. Steve & Lisa Daniel Johnson at 9107 Lake Braddock Dr. sent a letter to SHHA refusing to repaint the trim on their house even though they had painted it without ACC approval. Their letter stated that they had called four times and no one had ever responded to their request for approval. This issue was discussed and it was pointed out that the Covenants and By-laws state that a written request must be submitted for changes. Chris is going to try and talk to them again. All Board members will look at this house.
2. 9110 Blue Jug – An outside light fixture was already approved. Becky showed the Board a picture of it.
3. Mr. Carias at 5622 Ft. Corloran replaced concrete with concrete. It was already approved.
4. George Bowley at 9111 Parliament replacing his driveway. There were no changes and it was approved.
5. Peter Thornton at 5606 General Banks wants to convert his carport to a garage. He submitted an elevation. The Board needs to know the colors he will use and

if the siding will match the house before approving. Becky will take a picture of the house.

6. Sabrina Bellow at 9114 Parliament requested a change in color to repaint her house. She has replaced rotten boards and cannot match the existing paint. She submitted a sample of the new paint which is consistent with the colors in the neighborhood and close to the color of the existing paint. The Board unanimously approved. She also had a question about fences. Some of her adjoining neighbors have split rail fences. Her fence will be different and she wanted to know if that was permitted. The Board said that as long as her fence met the Covenant restrictions as to openness and height the fence was allowed and didn't have to match neighbors' fences.
7. 8905 Lake Braddock – A complaint from a homeowner with pictures showing construction and other materials beside the house. There was also a complaint about parked boats creating a safety hazard. This led to a general discussion of the dangers on Lake Braddock Dr. caused by these boats and a question about striping to indicate lanes. Gene reminded everyone that if a street is striped it becomes an arterial street and the speed limit can be raised. There was also some discussion about the state policy of making speeding fines steeper on designated streets.

**C. Braddock District** – Gene Ackerman reported that the last meeting went over the bond issues on the fall ballot. He will send an article to Tom electronically by Nov. 1

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT** – David distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for October.

- A. Assessments** – 99% of 2004 dues collected. David checked SHHA's account before the meeting and it appears that the 4 homeowners that owe current dues have paid. Only two homeowners owe for multiple years. The Board read copies of a letter the law firm is sending to one of them.
- B. Budget** – SHHA is 3/4 through 2004 and has disbursed 75% of 2004's allocated funds.
- C. Proposed budget for 2005** – David distributed a proposed budget for 2005 that he had revised after comments at the Sept. meeting. The revised budget is based on \$72 dues and has increases in Grounds, Legal, and Management. After examining it the Board voted to present it at the Annual Meeting. A copy of the budget will be sent out with the letter announcing the Annual Meeting.
- D.** David will investigate the rise in SHHA's insurance bills.
- E.** The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

**V. JEFFREY CHARLES & ASSOCIATES REPORT**

All the Board members had already looked through the report. Ed stated that

Chris is doing a fine job getting letters out and keeping track of them.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Newsletter articles** – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for articles to be sent to Tom. Linda suggested an article asking for suggestions for a FAQ that Tom will add to the website. One question would be how to obtain an HOA. Gene suggested that an example of an HOA be presented at the Annual Meeting along with an explanation. The Board thought that this was an excellent idea and will ask Chris to do so.

### **B. Outdoor Man**

**1. Estimate for trees** – Pat presented the Board and estimate of \$2,025.00 for purchasing and planting 8-10' Nelly R. Stevens holly bushes. Authorizing this expense was unanimously approved.

**2. Bonus** - Ed reminded the Board that last year SHHA gave Frank a \$500 bonus. The Board unanimously voted to do the same this year. Ed will tell Glen about this and he will make the arrangements with Frank.

**3. Contract** – The Board looked over Frank's contract for the next fiscal year and unanimously approved it.

**C. Community Restrictive Parking** - Ed has received 219 responses but needs 305. There were problems with some of the homeowners getting the wrong petitions and JCMC lost the original petitions. Also 2 pages of the petition were never mailed out. John Knickmeyer suggested that some lack of response is because people are being bombarded with election material and suggested we wait until after the election to work on this again. There was a general discussion of this issue and almost all homeowners at the meeting seemed to be strongly in favor of it.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A Home Guard pipe stem issues** - Some homeowners on the pipe stem are leaving their trash and recycling in front of the mail boxes. So far the mailman has been exiting his truck to deliver the mail but he doesn't have to do this. Also, it is illegal to block mail boxes. Another problem is dumping of yard waste in the Commons. This causes problems for Frank when he is trying to mow. Frank has identified the homeowners who do the dumping so the Board will ask Chris to send them a letter.

**B.** Ed started a discussion about SHHA reimbursing neighbors who helped other neighbors. This was discussed by the Board and by the homeowners present. Although a good idea the implementation would be too much to accomplish so the idea was dropped.

## **VII OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS**

- 1. Mowing & trash on Burke Lake Road** – John Knickmeyer questioned mowing on Burke Lake Rd. It is done by the county and has suffered because of budget cuts.
- 2. Speeding** – Sabrina Bellow asked what could be done about speeding on Parliament and if a stop sign could be placed at Signal Hill and Parliament. A general discussion followed. If homeowners want another stop sign they will need to petition for one. It was suggested that Sabrina get in touch with Betty Morgan. Ed will write a letter on speeding for the next newsletter.
- 3. Volunteers** – Seven homeowners volunteered to help Ed with the petitions. They gave him their names & addresses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58. The next meeting will be Nov. 18th at 7:00 in the meeting room in Sharon Bulova's office in King's Park Library.

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