

**SIGNAL HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 2457, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22152**

**JANUARY 2007 BOARD MEETING**

The January 2007 SHHA Board Meeting was held on January 24 at Sharon Bulova's Office.

**BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Ed Rahme - President	David Black - At-Large
Pete Seigman - Vice President	Linda Wirth - Secretary
Terry Hatch - At-Large	Marc Bickoff - ACC
Gene Ackerman - BDR	Anita Amini - HCA

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING** – Ed called the Meeting to order at 7:30.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The draft of the annual meeting minutes has been posted and will be approved by the homeowners at the next annual meeting.

**III. OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS**

A. Ray Antosh – Ray stated that the Board of not following the By-laws and the Articles of Confederation in the matter of elections. He gave the Board copies of both documents with the pertinent areas highlighted in yellow and he proceeded to quote from these sections. His statement was based on the fact that only Pete and Jim have been elected at annual meetings in the past 4 years. He stated that the rest of the Board is serving in violation of the By-laws and demanded a Special Election. He said that Terri was appointed to serve out the last of Miriam's term as a Board Member. If the Board does not satisfy his concerns by February 2, 2007 his attorney will contact the State Board of Corporations and he will proceed with any legal action the State might advise. The actual situation with Miriam and Terry is that after Miriam retired as President in 2005 she agreed to stay on for one more year in 2006 as an At-Large Board member to help the transition to the new officers. Her term ended in 2006 and Terry Hatch replaced her as At-Large Board member.

B. Miriam Longo – Miriam reported on two problems with three properties. The problem with the first one has already been addressed. The second problem concerns the division of 8907 into 3 apartments which are to be rented. Anita will ask the Zoning Dept. to check on this. 9024 Parliament still has a green front door and garage door and the leaves are not raked. Miriam said that Tom Kehoe needs articles and a publishing date for the next newsletter. Ed has already submitted an article and the rest of the Board will do so. The newsletter should go out on Feb. 15. Miriam then said that the Board works very hard and that some input from homeowners causes a lot of extra work and problems.

**IV. HGA REPORT** - Anita reported on various events/current complaints in SHHA.

1. 8905 Lake Braddock – The homeowner said Home Depot left the wrong lumber and remove it in 10 days. The fence is being finished.

2. Decision on driveway and legal proceedings –Terri suggested sending a Demand Letter before pursuing legal action.. The Board unanimously approved sending a Demand Letter. The Board will work with the homeowner when the present drive needs repairs to return it to its original condition.

## **V. TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. Ed gave a report stating that the increase in maintenance due to bad weather and legal fees caused SHHA to spend \$7,000.00 more in 2006 than income. SHHA’s savings cushion is down to \$29,000 which is below our target of 100-150% of operating costs. Because the raise in dues has not kept up with the raise in expenses for the last 3 years we need to start garnering support for a raise of the dues to \$100 a year. Two homeowners have already suggested this. In 2007 SHHA will have two member meetings. One in October will be a budget meeting to approve the raise in dues to \$100 a year. The second in December, within 60 days of the first, will be the annual meeting. Terri suggested mentioning this in every newsletter this year. Ed also mentioned that he had relayed several complaints to Anita and she had dealt with them. He also detailed an incident which was solved when Ed persuaded the complaining homeowner to contact his neighbor.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. ACC – Marc Bickoff**

1. 9004 Ft. Craig – Letter has been sent by Anita but no response listing houses already having the siding that was requested. Linda gave the packet back to Marc and will try and call the company involved and ascertain from them where there are houses with this siding that she can inspect. This is the first request in the Oaks for vinyl siding. The sample provided by the homeowner looks very realistic but the Board wants to be 100% sure that its appearance will be the same as wood and will fit into the overall look of the Oaks.

2. 9111 Parliament Request for upright gate in already approved fence. Board unanimously approved and Anita will send an approval letter.

3. 9109 Lyon Park Ct – Color of the house changed and the new color fits in with the neighborhood. Paper work was submitted and the Board unanimously approved.

4. 9079 Blue Jug Landing – Request to replace asphalt drive with concrete. The request mentioned that two other homes had replaced asphalt with concrete. Marc said there were no records of these homeowners requesting such a change. This request generated considerable debate. Linda and Gene said that it has always been SHHA policy that driveways should stay the same as the original. Two homeowners at the meeting spoke strongly against allowing a change from asphalt to concrete or vice versa. After a discussion at some length the Board voted unanimously in favor of the 3 following motions. (1) To remain consistent, as far as

possible, in following present policy. (2) To deny the request. (3) To send letters to the two homeowners asking them to provide letters of approval for changing their driveways.

5. Marc has perused the boxes he was given which have all approved requests from 1990-2005. He will give them to Anita who has a folder for each address.

6. Voice mail concerning ACC - Pete asked Anita about a voice mail requesting change for windows. Anita is in contact with the homeowner. Pete also had voice mail about the floodlights at 8905 Lake Braddock. Ed said that the floodlights have been turned off.

B. BDR – Gene Ackerman reported on the 4 workshops on Public Safety that he attended. They were all excellent and he presented each Board Member with folders with handouts and brochures on the various topics discussed. He would like to publicize future workshops as they are open to all residents and very informative. His only disappointment was that no one was able to address the issue of traffic calming on Parliament.

## **VII OLD BUSINESS**

A. 2007 Budget/Dues – Ed had already discussed this in the Treasurer’s Report. There will be newsletter articles about this.

## **VIII NEW BUSINESS –**

A. Traffic Safety – Ed read possible solutions; speed bumps, signs, etc. This will be the biggest focus of SHHA for 2007. He will ask for volunteers to serve on a committee in the newsletter. SHHA will need to survey the community for its support for the various measures and then present the findings to Sharon Bulova’s Office.

B. Signs – Ed and Terri will both take one. Ed will post his at Lake Braddock and Parliament. Signs need to be posted 48 hours before the meeting. Linda thinks SHHA should buy the lighter bases as that would make the signs much easier to store and set-up.

C. Yard Sale – Spring yard sale will be held May 5 with a rain date of May 19. Linda will write newsletter article.

D. Rotation of offices – In 2007 Pete will be President, Terri will be Vice President, Ed will be Treasurer, Marc will stay ACC, Linda will stay Secretary, and David will be At-Large. Pete’s term of office ends in 2008, Marc and Terri’s in 2008. Names of Board Members in the newsletter will have this information after the names.

**IX. DATES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS** –When scheduling of the room allows, all meetings, except for Annual Meeting, will be on Wednesdays in 2007. Room has been reserved for: Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 20, (Thursday), Oct 25, (Thursday), and Nov. 28. The annual meeting is Dec. 3.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:58

