

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

MARCH 2007 BOARD MEETING

The March 2007 SHHA Board Meeting was held on March 28 at Sharon Bulova's Office.

BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pete Seigman - President	Marc Bickoff - ACC
Linda Wirth - Secretary	Tom Kehoe - Webmaster
Terri Hatch - At-Large	Anita Amini - HCA

I. CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING – Pete called the Meeting to order at 7:35.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The February minutes have been approved electronically and posted. An error pointed out by Ray Antosh in the January minutes has been corrected and the revised January minutes have been sent to Tom for posting as a replacement for the January minutes currently on the website.

III. OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS – Three issues had been reported to the Board before the meeting.

A. Vandalism – Three homeowners from The Oaks reported vandalism and graffiti problems. Terri suggested contacting Jack Herlock at the West Springfield Police Station to determine if the graffiti is gang related. Pete will take some photos of the graffiti for the police and Terri will talk to the police about the vandalism and graffiti. There will also be an article in the next newsletter about this and Pete asked the homeowners to contribute to it if they wanted to.

B. Day Care Center – A Day Care Center on Lyon Court Park is causing heavy traffic problems as parents pick up and drop off children. As running a business in a home is forbidden by the Code and By-Laws Anita will send a letter to the homeowner saying that the business must stop and quoting the apropos sections of the Code and By-laws.

C. 9110 Lyon Park Court – Homeowners reported flagrant trash can violations, newspapers left in driveway, broken glass, trash bags used as window coverings and general neglect. Since this property is rented Anita will write a letter to the homeowner citing the deterioration of the property and the violations by the tenants. She will check on this home during her spring inspection next week.

IV. HGA REPORT

A. Hearings

1. 8905 Lake Braddock – Problem resolved before hearing. Lumber has been removed but fence still needs to be measured.

2. 8907 Lake Braddock – Problem resolved before hearing. Garage door repaired.

B. Requests

1. 8907 Lake Braddock Dr. - Homeowner is submitting a request.

2. 5511 Point Longstreet – Request for addition to behind garage and house. Homeowner submitted request this week and wants response by April 6. The Board reviewed the plans submitted in the request but had some questions. Anita will contact the homeowner and find out if he has obtained permits from the County, if all exterior aspects (walls and shingles) will match existing exterior of home, if he plans to have a dumpster or other plans for hauling away debris, and how far from the property line will this addition be. She will email his answers to the Board.

C. Lawyer – Ken Chadwick has been away but was supposed to return Wednesday. Anita will try and contact him as soon as possible in order to get his opinion on the driveway situation and will report to the Board via email.

D. Spring Inspection – Anita will do the Spring Inspection next week.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT In Ed’s absence Anita reported on Financials. SHHA had a profit of \$8,804.53 for February. Delinquencies at the end of February totaled \$8,383.00. This is in line with last year and Anita will send letters to the delinquent homeowners. Multi-year delinquencies have dropped from 4 to 2. The Mowing expense submitted by Frank for December really was for mowing as December was unseasonably warm and the Commons needed mowing.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACC – Marc Bickoff

1. 9004 Ft. Craig – Linda reported on her viewing of a home with the vinyl siding requested by this homeowner. The home is located on Mulberry Bottom Lane, an area with contemporary homes similar to those in The Oaks. From the street the home is not distinguishable from neighboring homes and looks exactly like wood. In response to a homeowners question Linda mentioned that the wood panels necessary for residing homes in The Oaks are extremely expensive and hard to obtain. This is because they are oversize, longer than 8’. As this was the only issue holding up this request the Board unanimously approved the vinyl siding sample colored Sand.

2. 8907 Lake Braddock Dr. Request for 8” retaining walls on both sides of driveway. The purpose is to stop a water problem caused by a dip in the driveway. The drawing submitted was not clear about the exact location of the walls. The Board was very concerned about the

appearance of the walls and thought that other solutions for the water problem would be better. Anita will send a letter to the homeowner communicating the Board's questions and concerns.

3. 9079 Blue Jug Landing – Request to replace asphalt drive with concrete or with brick if replacement with concrete is denied. This request is tabled until Anita can obtain an opinion from our lawyer. She will try and contact Ken as soon as possible and email the Board his response so this matter can be expedited.

4. 5604 Light Infantry Dr. Request to replace siding with vinyl siding same as existing siding. Width of siding will change from 8" to 6". A sliding glass door inside a screened in porch will be changed. And a decorative piece under the dormer windows will be replaced with siding. This is how other dormer windows in the neighborhood look. The Board unanimously approved the request

5. 8918 Lake Braddock – Request to replace vinyl windows and sliding glass door. The windows will be the same as the existing windows. This request was approved before the March Board meeting

6. Request for copy of approval letter sent to other homeowner – This request was made at a previous Board meeting and, considering the background, the Board initially viewed it favorably. However once the Board considered the legal implications of providing private correspondence to a third party it was decided that this could lead to problems in the future with other such requests. Therefore the request was unanimously refused but it was suggested the homeowner could reference the Minutes that listed the request. Anita will send a letter to the homeowner.

B. WEBMASTER – Tom reported very little activity on the website. He needs a date for the next newsletter. Tom also noted that several of the issues raised at this meeting could lead to FAQs.

C. BDR – Linda reported for Gene Ackerman who had unexpected diner guests. The last BD meeting had two excellent presentations on the 2008 Education budget for Fairfax County. Gene had provided numerous copies of two handouts which Linda distributed.

VII OLD BUSINESS

A. Traffic Safety – The Board is still waiting for volunteers to do a neighbor canvass for opinions on all possible solutions; speed bumps, signs, etc.

VIII NEW BUSINESS –

A. Neighborhood Watch – Several homeowners expressed interest in reviving the Neighborhood Watch in light of the vandalism reported earlier in the meeting. There was a general discussion of this and reviewing the Neighborhood Watch will be on the April agenda.

B. Voicemail – Pete reported on three voice messages

1. Request for home for rent – Anita did not know of one. Pete will call the homeowner and get more information. 2. Request for date of yard sale – Linda will respond.

3. 9002 Grover's Theatre Ct. – Report of boat in driveway and trash cans left out. Anita will check on this in her Spring Inspection next week.

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: 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