

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

APRIL 2007 BOARD MEETING

The April 2007 SHHA Board Meeting was held on April 25 at Sharon Bulova's Office.

BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Linda Wirth - Secretary

Ed Rahme - Treasurer

Terri Hatch - Vice President

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The March minutes have been approved electronically and posted.

III. OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS – Ana Hoover, who is President of the Northern Virginia Fairfax Child Care Association – Burke Chapter, said she was here to represent Mrs. Asbun of 9109 Lyon Park Ct. The Children's Association is an unincorporated association and Mrs. Asbun is a member. Ms Hoover said that legal counsel was going to come but he had not arrived. Mr. & Mrs. Asbun, her Mother, her niece, and a small child were there as a group. Mrs. Asbun is running a day care center. At the March Board meeting three neighbors complained about problems caused by her business and the Board sent her a letter asking her to stop. Ms. Hoover said that Mrs. Asbun had been running the business for 12 years and wanted to know why the Board was just now requesting her to stop. Ed explained that the Board was responding to complaints by three neighbors who said the day care center was causing problems. Ms Hoover said that Fairfax County code exempts day care centers. At present she has 5 children and her Mother helps her. Ms Hoover and Mrs. Asbun seemed to feel that the Board was unfairly singling out Mrs. Asbun. Linda explained that the Board has shut down numerous businesses in SHHA in response to complaints by homeowners. Among these were a day care center, a siding business, and a computer sales business. Ms Hoover refused to accept this statement as factual and asked for proof that such actions had been taken. Ms Hoover then informed the Board that there are 3 other day care centers in SHHA. She gave their addresses and the names of the owners. She stated that if the Board closed down Mrs. Asbun's day care center then she, Ms Hoover, would demand that these day care centers also be closed even though no homeowner has complained about them and she is not a homeowner in SHHA. Ms Hoover feels that this is an issue of fairness. She quoted SHHA minutes which mentioned an investigation of a complaint against a homeowner with the computer business. She asked why no investigation had been made by the Board in the case of Mrs. Asbun. Ms Hoover also

stated that a petition is being circulated in SHHA to amend the Covenants to allow day care centers. Ed recommended that anyone circulating a petition work with the Board since any changes to the Covenants would have to go through the Board and we could assist. Ed asked to have the section of the County Code exempting day care centers sent to the Board. Mrs. Asbun's niece said she would email it to him. After agreeing to send the pertinent section of the Code the entire group left the meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACC

1. 9079 Blue Jug Landing – Request to change driveway from asphalt to concrete. This request has been thoroughly discussed by the Board as all previous requests of this nature have been refused. However the Board found out that numerous homeowners have already made such a change without requesting Board approval. The Board members have gone out through SHHA and looked at them. They found that different types of driveways are not really noticeable and the effect is not as negative as was thought. Therefore the Board unanimously approved this request. In the future the Board will do so with the stipulation that the homeowner maintain the driveway. Anita will send an approval letter to Ray.

B. Grounds – Linda read Glen's report. Frank has been removing debris at the entrances and will include Rolling Road in this project. Frank cut up a downed pine at the Signal Hill entrance and will remove it this week. Bad weather has kept him from finishing the work in the Commons in The Oaks; he is still working on the creek bed. A dead tree in the Commons is leaning over the property at 9028 Parliament. Frank estimates the cost for removal at \$800. The Board authorized Frank to have the tree removed.

C. Neighborhood Watch – George Shrieves has volunteered to be Neighborhood Watch co-coordinator. He will start with The Oaks as this is the area that has recently suffered from vandalism. He will contact the police and do all the things necessary to start up the Watch. Neighborhood Watch signs will be posted on Home Guard, Fort Craig and Lyon Court Park. He will try and have the Watch up and running by Memorial Day weekend and will report back to the Board at the May 23rd meeting. For the rest of SHHA, George has two questions. Do they want a Neighborhood Watch and will they participate in one? Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday nights to patrol from 9PM-1AM as that is when most of the vandalism has occurred. Block captains are needed as well. The Board will help George as much as possible to publicize this through an article from him in the next newsletter and a possible mailing to all homeowners.

V. HGA – Anita was unable to attend the meeting so the Board went over her report. SHHA operated in the black for the month of March. Letters have been sent to homeowners with unpaid assessments and one homeowner has paid. Currently there are 74 homeowners in arrears, 6 are in arrears for multiple years.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – As only two Board members were present after 8:00 PM neither Old nor New Business was discussed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

VII. 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: May 23, June 27, July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 20, (Thursday), Oct 25, (Thursday), and Nov. 28. The annual meeting is Dec. 3.