

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

**March 2008 BOARD MEETING
(Revised Minutes)**

The March 2008 SHHA Board Meeting was held on March 27th at Sharon Bulova's Office.

BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pete Seigman - President

Marc Bickoff - ACC
Chair

Linda Wirth - Secretary

Gene Ackerman - BDR

Bob Hicks - Vice President

Anita Amini - HGA

Carol Cannava - Welcoming

I. CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING – Pete called the Meeting to order at 7:32.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The February minutes had been approved electronically and posted.

III. OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS – Ray Antosh had a question about the 13-1 vote recorded in the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes. Linda and several homeowners who voted on this issue at the 2008 Annual Meeting affirmed that the 13-1 vote was in favor of allowing a drive to change the By-Laws. Ray then asked why the CCRS he has and the CCRS on the website are the same when they were claimed to have been changed and asked for a copy of the revised ones. Ed will respond to this query at the April meeting.

IV. HGA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Anita

A. Dues – 2nd notices have been sent.

B. Spring Inspection – Anita will do the Spring inspection in mid-April.

C. Board packets – Anita is mailing the packets instead of

dropping them off because a packet for a Board member at another HOA was retrieved by someone else. There is no additional charge to SHHA for the postage.

D. Returned newsletters – Pete gave Anita several returned newsletters that Terry had retrieved from SHHA's post office box. Anita will cross-reference these names with the list of delinquent homeowners to see if some of them may have never received the dues letter. Bob suggested addressing the newsletter to Resident instead of using the name. Anita said she sends a newsletter to absentee owners who want one as well as to the renter in SHHA. If an absentee owner doesn't want the newsletter she drops his/her name from the newsletter mailing list.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Pete read the report that Ed emailed

A. Dues – Dues are still coming in and 2nd notice has been sent to delinquent homeowners.

B. Budget – Spending is currently in line with income.

C. Delinquencies – Anita added that the amount of dues still in arrears has dropped from \$10,600 in her report to \$7,000 as of March 27.

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACC - Marc

5622 Mt. Burnside Way – Request to replace existing columns with thicker columns painted the same color. Marc showed the Board a diagram. After examining the diagram and being sure of the size of the columns requested, the Board unanimously approved.

B. Welcoming – Carol Cannava

Because the Welcoming Committee has been without a Chair for some time, there is a backlog of several months of new homeowners needing visits. Carol asked about the timeframe for calling on new homeowners. The Board agreed that 6 months after moving into SHHA should be the limit for calls. Carol also asked for \$20 for buying baskets for the welcoming materials along with her baked goods. The Board will take this

request under advisement.

C. Grounds – Glen Woods has not made any reports so it is assumed that there aren't any problems with the Grounds. Linda mentioned that Glen and Frank usually walk the Commons in the Spring.

D. Webmaster – Ray Antosh said that the new website is fantastic. Two other homeowners said that the newsletter was great. Once again the Board expressed its appreciation for Tom and all his hard work.

E. BDR – Gene Ackerman reported on the two topics at the latest meeting, the County's budget and Assessments. The budget is flat this year. The assessment of homes is being redone with the value of the land reduced and the value of the house increased so that the assessment is the same amount. Gene handed out copies of the budget. Gene also handed out a fact sheet on the monies raised for the completed Mary Reed Memorial at Canterbury Woods and for the Braddock Road beautification project. The sheet showed the various donors and the amounts donated.

VII OLD BUSINESS

A. 5599 Marshall House Ct. The owner has repaired the fence. Linda suggested sending him a thank you letter and Anita said she would.

B. Potential changes to CCRs – Before proceeding against a Day Care Center being run in SHHA the Board is waiting to hear from Mrs. Reis about a petition to change the CCRs to allow day care centers in SHHA. She volunteered to start and be in charge of such a petition at the 2008 Annual Meeting but at the February meeting Ed reported that he had not been able to contact her and learn the status of the petition drive. Ed is not present at this meeting so, after some discussion, this matter was tabled until the April meeting when Ed could update the Board on the status of the petition.

C. 9010 Home Guard – Anita detailed the history. Homeowners have not submitted the ACC request to the Board. Despite repeated attempts via phone and email, Anita still has not been able to contact them. There was a new complaint about a water tank and other debris in the yard. A separate letter will be sent addressing this complaint. There was much discussion around this issue including someone suggesting that our lawyer contact the owner. Finally, the Board stated that it will follow procedure and send a hearing notice with regard to the unfinished remodel and a first notice with regard to the debris (hot water heater and car hood).

E. 8905 Lake Braddock Dr. - Pete circulated pictures to the Board of commercial vehicles parked along the street and in front of this house

received in the mail from a homeowner. A Hearing has been scheduled for April. If the homeowner does not respond the fines and potential lien which is part of the process will start. It was suggested that our process takes too long and should be shortened. The Board agreed to consider this.

F. 9110 Lyon Park Ct – Anita is still trying to contact the owners. No residents are living there and property is not being maintained. Anita will contact the real estate agent concerning this. Bob mentioned that the community blight law might apply in this case

VIII NEW BUSINESS

A. 9016 Lake Braddock Dr. – A homeowner had complained to someone at the meeting about a painting business being run from this address. A written complaint was requested and then Anita will send a letter

B. 9004 Fort Craig – This home may have been abandoned. Anita will check the tax records in order to determine the legal owner. If she cannot find the owner she will contact the County and ask them to keep an eye on it as it is abandoned property. She will keep the Board updated on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

DATES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS –When scheduling of the room allows, all meetings, except for Annual Meeting, will be on Wednesdays in 2008. Room has been reserved for:

2008: 30 April, 28 May, 18 June