

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

The April 2010 SHHA Board Meeting was held on April 22 in the Braddock District Hall

BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pete Seigman	-	President	Ed Rahme	-	VP
Linda Wirth	-	Secretary	Marc Bickoff	-	ACC
Bob Hicks	-	At-Large	Kevin Martin	-	Treasurer
Marc Bickoff	-	ACC	Anita Amini	-	HGA

HOMEOWNERS PRESENT

H. Ray Antosh, Marc Bickoff, Philip Fick

APRIL 2010 BOARD MEETING

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The March minutes still need to be revised and posted. Linda will do so and then send them for posting.

III. OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS

A. Ray Antosh – Ray had two questions.

1. Why only 1 sign out of 4 announcing the meeting was displayed. No one in the community will volunteer to put up the signs. It was suggested that the dates of the meeting be posted on the website. A request for sign volunteers will also be posted on the website.

2. Why the October minutes are the last minutes posted on the website. Kevin accepted responsibility and will post the minutes that have been sent to him so that the website is up-to-date.

B. Marc Bickoff – When Marc tries to access SHHA's website he receives a message of a security violation concerning the certificate of the website. No one else has this problem. Marc gave Kevin a printout of the message and Kevin will check with Vinnie.

C. Philip Fick – Mr. Fick had already provided the Board with a statement concerning a situation in his cul-de-sac with children playing in the street and blocking his and his wife's attempts to enter and exit their drive. There was also a problem with parking in front of his home but this was reported to the police and has ceased. Mr. Fick went over the main points of his statement which included his attempts to remedy the escalating situation. He feels it is a property rights issue and has contacted HUD. HUD requested that he ask his HOA Board for help first and he is doing so. This same situation was a topic at two Board meetings in the summer of 2008. The Bob said that SHHA needs a clear statement in our CCRs that a violation is involved before we can respond. If there's no violation of the CCRs SHHA cannot help. Linda suggested that Mr. Fick go back to HUD with the information that his HOA (SHHA) has no jurisdiction in this issue. Ed suggested going back to the police again and Pete suggested trying one more time to solve the issue with the neighbors amicably.

Mr. Fick also had a question about a yard full of toys that he has observed. He was told that anyone can report a violation of the CCRs to the Board at any time and the member responsible for that area will inspect it.

D. Kevin Martin reported that he was approached during his recent inspection by homeowners worried about an increase in vehicle break-ins on Lake Braddock Dr. Kevin recently had the airbags stolen from his car while it was parked in his driveway. Bob will check the police reports to see if there has been an increase in crime in our area. He will also ask John Cook's office to request additional police patrols.

IV. HGA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1. Spring inspections – Board members will email Anita the violations that need letters.

2. The Board approved having Douglas Cory do the 2009 audit.

3. 2<sup>nd</sup> letters to delinquent homeowners will be mailed. Anita will make sure that the owner of 5248 Signal Hill Dr., Luan Nguyen, will not be billed as he donated his land for The Oaks sign in exchange for waiver of his fees.

4. Voice mail – Anita has dealt with all the voice mails Pete sent her.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Kevin – Kevin has not yet met with Ed to go over the financials. Ed reported that there was nothing usual to report. Even with the \$4,500 charge for tree removal the budget was still in good shape.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACC – Marc Bickoff

1. Requests

- 9187 Lake Braddock Drive – Architectural request discussed at last meeting; Board agreed to approve the request with certain stipulations and Kevin emailed these. Marc reported that the homeowner is OK with the request for additional information

- 9013 For Craig Dr - Fence Addition. Kevin contacted the homeowner and asked for the plat showing the placement of the fence and the width of the boards.
- 8914 Lake Braddock Drive 4/6 - change the color "of the trim around the front door and shutters", from brown to a "rustic red color like the house across the street ..."
- 5600 Mount Burnside on 4/7 - Replace the wood windows with white vinyl windows. With the exceptions of the large middle pane in the front bay window and one small window the owner states is over the carport and can't be seen, all the windows will have grids. The owner wants to paint the house the same colors as originally used.
- 5607 Ft. Corloran – Request to change color of trim from yellow to white approved since last meeting

2. Standard checklist for specific types of requests (i. e. fences, roofs, and decks) – Marc presented the Board with an excellent checklist for homeowners requesting changes to fences, roofs, and decks. It lists all the aspects that the Board checks before approving projects. The Board discussed each item and made suggestions to the wording. The Board also suggested adding checklist items for sheds and house painting. Marc will revise the checklist and return it to the Board for final approval.

B. WELCOMING – No report

C. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - Vacant

D. GROUNDS – No report.

E. WEBMASTER – Kevin will update the website with minutes from previous meetings.

F. BDC – If Gene can no longer attend these meetings the Board needs to find someone who can.

G. YAHOO GROUP & SHHA VOICE MAIL

1. YAHOO GROUP / VOICE MAIL – Pete will send an email about the rise in crime. SHHA's voice mail gives Anita's phone number as reference (such as for board packets).

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. POD at 8910 Lake Braddock – POD is gone but drive is cluttered. Anita reported that the resident is in the process of moving.

B. 8910 Home Guard – Bob reported that debris is still in side-yard. Fines started March 1 and are continuing. A letter notifying homeowner of the fines as sent with a return receipt.

C. 9001 Ft. Craig – The rest of the windows are being painted.

D. Inspections – Inspections will be done quarterly with a monthly inspection of violations. A letter will be sent for violations of trash cans and yard waste left at curb. Anita will create a spreadsheet of violations reported by the Board and email it to the Board members. Violations reported at the meeting that need checking are: red windows at 8914 Lake Braddock. Anita will check and see if the deck at 9000 Grover's Theatre was ever approved.

#### VIII NEW BUSINESS

A. Utility box with graffiti – A utility box at the corner of Lake Braddock and Light Infantry has graffiti. Anita will check on it and notify the utility that owns it. If they won't delete it she will ask The Outdoor Man to do so. She will email the Board the results of her inquiries

B. Burke Open House – On April 25, 2010 Silas Burke House will be open between 1-5. Ed is going.

C. Directory – The Board discussed printing a new directory. Anita will check the cost of printing and email the Board the results.

D. Homeowner complaint – The homeowner at 9015 Parliament wrote the Board about his neighbor's failure to rake his leaves. This is in Ed's area. Bob will check on the correct address of the neighbor.

E. Lake Braddock Grad Party – Contributing to this is not a reasonable use of our homeowner's dues. The Board voted against this request.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

X. DATES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS – When possible meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

May 13

June 17