



Civic Association of Hollin Hills

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2009

The Spring CAHH Membership meeting was held Thursday, April 16 at Hollin Meadows Elementary School. Approximately 45 households attended or were represented.

CAHH Treasurer Alice Lauthers presented the proposed budget for 2009, which the membership voted to approve. In response to a question, Alice explained the move from the membership dues fiscal year to a calendar year, shortening the 2008 budget year to 8 months, and starting the 2009 budget on January 1. The move simplifies accounting and brings the CAHH budget into the same schedule as the pool and tennis budgets.

Paul Trombley and Robert Fina updated members on the progress of the DRC guideline review committees. The Architectural Committee is moving forward with guideline discussions and is currently tackling the more difficult items, such as the height and size of houses. The committee expects to finish its report over the summer. The GRC Process Committee plans to submit recommendations to the DRC within the next few months. Its recommendations will include creating different levels of review based upon project size/type and the use of standardized forms. Its goal is to simplify the DRC Review process and make it more consistent.

Next Steps:

The DRC will accept the committee reports as presented and will use both to create a DRAFT Guidelines revision document. Once the DRC has a document it feels is community-ready, it will share the document with the community for feedback, both as a written document and in one or more town hall meetings.

Based on community feedback, the DRC may complete the document and send to the CAHH Board for comment/approval or send back to the appropriate committee for additional work. The key concept here is that the committees' work may not be complete when they submit their reports.

After reviewing the DRC document, the board can take the following actions: 1) vote to accept it in total, 2) reject it in total or in part, 2) send it back to the DRC for additional work on rejected parts (if appropriate), which may, again, involve the committees.

When the board has a document it can vote to approve, it will then send it to the community for a vote.

Tania Ryan updated us on Hollin Hills 60th Anniversary celebration plans. The committee is organizing six events, one for each decade. The first event to kick-off the celebration will be a “hot dogs and s’mores” party at Voigt Park on April 18. A poolside brunch is scheduled for June 14, and a special cake will be served at the July 4 picnic. On August 22, an adults-only cocktail party will be held at the pool, on Labor Day weekend, a six kilometer run/walk is planned, and the celebration will culminate with a fall “sailors socks on” event at Tania Ryan’s home. Those attending will be asked to bring socks, towels, and blanket for the homeless, which will be donated to United Community Ministries.

Membership Chair Heather Zack Watenpaugh provided an update on this year’s membership drive. As in last year’s drive, all households will receive a membership renewal form by mail, and the Bulletin, which will include the form, will be sent to all Hollin Hills households in May, June and July. Current membership stands at approximately 85% of Hollin Hills households.

The 2009 Directory, which missed a number of residents, will either be reprinted or have a supplement mailed to all member households.

The Parks budget for last year was primarily spent on storm clean-up activities. Parks Chair Jim Klein is hopeful this year’s budget can be devoted to maintenance and improvement efforts. Second Saturday parks clean-up is ongoing and can always use additional volunteers. Although removal from trees will continue, ivy will be allowed to grow in sloped areas to help prevent erosion.

Vice President Chris McNamara announced formation of a marketing committee to develop plans to increase sales of the Hollin Hills book. The first printing sold out in 18 months, but we still have nearly 2/3 of the second printing on hand. Volunteers are welcome and should contact CAHH president Christine Leonard.

On behalf of Jere Gibber, Chris reported that she and Kathy Krebs continue to compile the data base for our application for designation on the National Register of Historic Places. John Burns suggested a notice be placed in the Bulletin requesting copies of original drawings that anyone might have to supplement the information that’s already been collected. A final decision is expected in 12-18 months.

Neighborhood watch participation has dropped to 63 drivers to fill over 140 slots. Volunteers are needed, and anyone who would like to participate can contact Kathy Seltzer at 660-9471.

John Burns concluded the meeting with a very informative reprise of his 2008 Home Tour presentation on the history and development of Hollin Hills.