

Steeplechase Community Meeting
September 17, 2013
Steeplechase Gazebo,
7:00 Pm – 9:00 PM

The meeting was conducted by Gus Caughman and was represented by approximately 40 households. The following issues were discussed: The neighborhood improvement; current houses up for sale; transparency of the use of dues collected (HOA), the election of Board members, grass cutting, means of communicating with neighbors.

Suggestions: A neighborhood website, the submission of grants (front entrance upgrade), upgrade neighborhood safety (recent theft and break-ins)

Concerns shared: Dues need to be paid; The Board should not be expected to carry the full responsibility of keeping our neighborhood looking good. The front entrance lawn service is being taken care of by Mr. Brown and others. The service was suspended to a lack of funds.

The irrigation service was stopped by the city due to non-payment.

Attendees requested copies of the by-laws and neighborhood covenant.

The current balance is approximately 3500. with an outstanding dues of approximately 25,000. It was shared that the responsibility to manage this job cannot be handled by one person.

A request for a volunteer committee to revisit By-laws, and assist with the election of Board members. The number of participants at the first neighborhood meeting was the largest group for a long time which indicates that there is support and appears to indicate that there is an agreement that something needs to happen.

Past officers indicated that there were events that occurred such as socials for the neighbors and there was a phone list of the neighbors.

The purpose of the committee is to review the current concerns and establish ideas and suggestions for the Board to monitor. The Board needs a starting point. It was recommended that the committee meets weekly until a plan is developed to move forward with the election of a Board.

The community/concern meeting dismissed at approximately 8:00 PM

First Committee Meeting

The committee will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM and should be limited to one hour

There must be a minimum of 9 people in attendance since there were 18 at the first volunteer meeting..

There was a request for someone to record the minutes. Alicia and Cynthia recorded minutes for the first meeting.

Plans are to turn the work of the committee over to the newly elected Board in 2 months

Discussion:

Review the By-Laws

Copies of the By-Laws should be provided prior to the meeting. It was requested that they be emailed for review. Sub-committees will be formed after the work of the committee to target specific needs of the neighborhood. Sub-committees will work on such things as: Decorations, Welcome, Fireworks, yard recognitions etc.

New Information Provided:

The current By-Laws were revisited 6-7 years by the last elected Board members

Henry O. Jacobs has contacted the past officers to inform the Association that homes will be built on the last two vacant lots.

Each person in attendance should bring ideas to the next meeting.

Three past Board members were in attendance at the first volunteer committee meeting.

Priorities stated by the volunteer committee are: Collection of Dues and Election of the Board.

The first volunteer meeting ended around 9:00 PM