

Austin's Colony Board Meeting

1st July 2014

Attendees: Eric Henderson (President), Mike Davis (Vice President), Tony Tasillo (Treasurer), Jacqui Peterson (Secretary), Calvin Ward, Joseph Mitchell, Pat Dallas, Brenda Brown

Guests: None

There was a full quorum so the meeting commenced.

Minutes

The minutes for the 1st July 2014 meeting were sent out to Board Members to read and edit prior to the meeting. Mike motioned that the minutes be approved as sent and Tony seconded the motion. The minutes for the July 2014 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

There was nothing out of the ordinary for the June 2014 budget. Expenditure was \$3,297.02 Utilities took a jump this month to over \$400 much of it due to irrigation but also broken irrigation heads which we had fixed. We are seeing a decrease in aging assessments so some are getting paid. Calvin motioned approval of the Treasurers report and Brenda seconded and so the motion was carried.

CC&R report

Mike Davis gave the CC&R report. No violations were reported for the month of June 2014.

Old Business

- 1) Some discussion was had whether to move to quarterly meetings after the Annual HoA meeting in September.
- 2) Discussion about a move to make the fiscal year January to December. This would happen gradually – currently dues are sent out in March and our fiscal year runs February to March.
- 3) Flag duty has moved to Pat Dallas and he is working with local scout troops to raise the flags as a 'service learning' opportunity.
- 4) Calvin reported on landscaping. He has been working with the city of Bryan with respect to the area between Austin's Colony Parkway and the commercial zone in terms of rocks, grass and trees – the city will take care of cleaning this up. He has been talking to the landscapers weekly in charge of the Austin's Colony Parkway median with respect to the landscaping and mowing. He will get quotes for replacing any dead plants along that stretch.
- 5) Mike commented that Thornberry needed mowing again and will talk to Grant Carrabba about keeping up with the mowing.

- 6) Eric stated that Blinn College will not be using the land in College Station. Based on the media, a 50 acre tract (Harrison Tract) at the T junction of Austin's Colony Parkway and Old Reliance Road is under consideration. There was a lengthy discussion of what our next move should be based on this information (petitions signed by homeowners etc.,?). Austin's Colony is zoned for nuclear families and if properties are to be rented they should be rented out to nuclear families. If an Austin's Colony HoA member has a suspicion that their neighbor is not a nuclear family then they should contact the board through the website. Furthermore the density of traffic along Austin's Colony Parkway will increase. Meanwhile Eric stated that he would contact Grant Carrabba for advice as to how the HoA board should move forward on this important issue and how they should respond to Austin's Colony HoA members as we have been receiving several e-mails about the issue.

New Business

- 1) The 2014 Austin's Colony HoA annual meeting was discussed. 28% of HoA members must attend the meeting to be held on 8th September 2014 at Harvey Mitchell Middle School at 7 pm for a quorum for the meeting to commence.
 - a. Proxy forms must be mailed out to every homeowner in August.
 - b. Board members must be prepared to visit each house to collect Proxy forms in the last two weeks of August
 - c. 100 copies of the annual treasurers report will be needed for the annual meeting
 - d. Copies of the Presidents report will be needed for the meeting
 - e. Speakers should be contacted for the meeting and may include i) Equity Realty, ii) Bryan City Council member
 - f. Eric will take responsibility for organizing the annual HoA meeting
- 2) Halloween. The issue of high traffic in Austin's Colony, specifically the Settlers Way community was discussed as it was under discussion at the 2013 Annual HoA meeting. Eric will get quotes for either police manned barricades at either end of Settlers Way to mitigate high traffic OR for uniformed police officers (overtime duty) to keep the traffic moving along Settlers Way to minimize problems for homeowners getting into or out of their sub-division.

Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 6 pm at Equity Realty Building.