

Tollgate Association Board Meeting

Date and Time: October 6, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Location: 102 Tollgate Way (Melhem residence)

Attending: Luke Knittig, Margaret Melhem, Keith Powell, Marie Murray, and Jim Hogle

1. Approved previous meeting minutes: <http://tollgateway.org/board/minutes-5-31-12.pdf>

2. Treasurer's Report: were emailed out to the board on 10/3
http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_expenses.pdf
http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_net_worth.pdf
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 - 1) The Treasurer noted the number of charges and credits for Bank Charges. The board agreed with his proposal to move our accounts to Burke & Herbert.
 - 2) The board noted the overage for the tree removal budget, realizing that it has been a tough year for trees with the storm damage and a number of trees reaching the end of their life-span.
 - 3) The Treasurer reported that he had increased the Association liability coverage to Four million dollars with no increase in insurance premiums.

3. Committee Reports:
 - Social – The board voted a special thanks to Wynne and Jim Hogle for the arrangements for the Fall Social. The Fall Social is occurred on Sep 23rd, from 2:00-5:00 PM, outside #131 Tollgate. The venue moved since there were two cars in the parking pad between #106 and #108 and their owners could not be located. (Please note the [Tollgate Parking Policy](#).) Still it was a good turnout: about 30 adults and several children from 18 households attended.

 - Landscaping –
 - The committee is working with the residents and the city arborist to find an appropriate tree replacement in front of #108 and #110.
 - Fall planting is underway with some new shrubs and bushes near #102 and #111 and a new Photenia.
 - Beginning in 2013, there will be a new landscaping contract. The committee is taking bids.

- There is a blight affecting the Laurels around Tollgate. This blight is impacting the plants throughout Falls Church. There has been one treatment and another is planned, but the prognosis is uncertain.
 - The committee noted that some contractors that individual homeowners engaged cleaned their equipment and poured waste water in the perimeter garden beds. This has the potential to severely damage some of the plants. Home owners are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that their contractors dispose of paints, solvents, etc correctly without damaging community property.
 - Trees – As noted earlier this has been a tough year on trees, with the severe storm damage. Also many trees dating from the establishment of Tollgate are coming to the end of their life cycle. There will be a further evaluation in the Spring and additional removals are likely.
 - Architecture – The committee approved a request from #127 Tollgate Way to repaint the home’s outside trim, front columns, and dormer trim, their existing color -- white.
 - Maintenance –
 - Garry Sauner replaced a few light bulbs in street light fixtures.
 - Garry is attempting to get a new bid from another company for the front wall masonry work at #100 and #101. It is now so late in the calendar year, he envisions this work not beginning until next spring. Board members and other members of the community are encouraged to help solicit bids from other potential masonry contractors for this work.
4. Old Business:
- Pest Control Status: Request that homeowners report to Jim Hogle or another board member if they dispose of any dead rodents near their home. It helps to monitor rodent activity and the effectiveness of the bait stations.
 - Dues: The Board approved the proposal to increase annual dues by \$100. A letter detailing the need for the increase (the first in seven years) will be transmitted to all homeowners shortly. The increase must be approved by two-thirds of the members at the association annual meeting. The Board also approved a second proposal to link dues increased to the Consumer Price index. This proposal will also be submitted and voted on at the annual meeting.

5. New Business:

- Annual Meeting: The Annual Tollgate Associate Meeting will be held at Bob Donaldson's House (#118) on November 18 at 5:00 PM. A list of matters requiring a vote of the association members (including Dues and candidates for the Board) will be distributed prior to the meeting. All Homeowners are strongly urged to attend or submit their proxy ballot by the time of the meeting.
 - The Tollgate Christmas Decorating will be Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 AM. The more volunteers the merrier!
 - The Annual Tollgate Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 9 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The social committee is still looking for a volunteer for to provide the venue.
6. The next meeting will be on Nov 3th, 2012 at the Powell home (#107). The board meeting concluded at 10:05 AM