

Tollgate Association
Minutes of March 1, 2008 Board Meeting

Date and Time: March 1, 2008 at 9:00 am

Location: 109 Tollgate Way (Ehmer residence)

Attending: Bob Donaldson, Philippe Casteuble, Paul Ehmer, Eric Kirschner, Steve Lyons, Marie Murray, Garry Sauner,

1. February 2008 Board minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report (Bob D.) -- All but one homeowner has paid the 2008 dues. Steve L. will follow-up with a letter under his signature. Discussion of the calculation of interest due on the late payment. The Board decided that interest due would be calculated beginning on February 1.

Present net worth is \$17,368.77. Discussion of whether the tree removal budget should be increased to cover possible additional effects of drought, but decision was tabled.

3. Architecture Committee – No report.
4. Landscape (Marie M.) – There was a special Board meeting on 2/28 to discuss the proposed assignment of Flores landscape contract to McFall and Berry Landscape Management (attending Bob D., Marie M., Garry S., Philippe C., Steve L.). The proposed assignment was approved.

The Landscape Committee had a meeting on 2/26. A number of trees need to be replaced (by #104, 109 and pine trees behind #127-135). A representative of Merrifield Garden Center will review the development on 3/4. Two properties -- #104, #111 – may need new shrubbery. Marie will contact the homeowners to further discuss.

The Committee is still working on the planting inventory and master plan. Gayle Phillips and Garry Sauner will lead the effort to develop ideas for improving the lighting at the entrance to Tollgate.

The Committee also discussed the necessity of drawing up formal tree removal guidelines. Kathy Dougherty, Bob D., and Joe Romer will draft guidelines. There will be a Landscape Committee meeting on 3/25 to the review draft guidelines.

Joe R. and Bob D. have reviewed the city code. Apparently, there is a statute that requires any homeowner of a non-single family home to obtain arborist approval for tree removals and new tree plantings.

Joe R. re-submitted his request for the removal of the blue spruce and magnolia trees from his front yard completely at his expense. The Landscape Committee and the Board discussed the request and approved it. Joe R. and Bob D. will follow up with the city arborist to obtain permission. The Committee will coordinate selection of the replacement tree with Joe R.

Discussion of cistern run-off from #105 Cherry St. Marie spoke to the owner (Ward) regarding the issue. The owner immediately inspected the property and agreed to move the offending hose.

5. Maintenance Committee -- No report. Steve L. with follow-up with Tom Smolinski regarding the repointing of the front brick wall.
6. Tree committee (Bob D.) -- No report. Tree situation was discussed under Treasurer and Landscape Committee.
7. Social Committee -- Nothing to report.
8. Old Business – Garry S. suggested that the HOA contact the city and request that a street light be installed on the telephone pole directly across from the Tollgate entrance. Garry S. will circulate a proposed letter regarding the issue.

Discussion of loose dogs in Tollgate. Steve L. will follow-up with homeowners to reiterate the necessity of not allowing dogs to run loose in the community.

9. New Business -- Discussion of tree replacement and whether there are sufficient funds budgeted for the two new trees. Decision was tabled until the Landscape Committee makes a determination on the cost of the necessary replacement trees. Marie M. will forward the proposal to the Board after the 3/25 Landscape Committee meeting.

The next board meeting will be April 5, 2008, 9 am at #118 Tollgate (Bob D. residence).

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Submitted by: Eric Kirschner, Secretary