

Tollgate Association  
**Minutes of March 1, 2008 Board Meeting**

**Date and Time:** April 5, 2008 at 9:00 am

**Location:** 118 Tollgate Way (Donaldson residence)

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

1. March 2008 Board minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report (Bob D.) -- Net cash outflow for March 2008 was \$3,514.78. Major expenses were \$1,070 (deposit on five new trees) and \$2,024.18 for McFall and Berry Landscaping. Total net worth is \$15,883.10. Rivkin (#100) still owes 2008 dues (plus accumulated interest).

2. Architecture Committee – The request from Bill Arthur/Kathy Doherty (#125) for a new front door was approved. The Board reviewed the request from Julie McNamara regarding a new door with a half moon window. The question was raised whether approval of this request would represent a variance from the Architectural Committee Guidelines and if so, whether the variance should be approved. After discussing the guidelines with Garry S., the board determined that the request was technically within the Tollgate architectural guidelines and therefore the approval decision would be based upon aesthetic considerations and would not involve the issuance of a variance.
3. Landscape (Marie M.) – A Landscape Committee meeting was held on March 25. Marie M. distributed the draft guidelines for discretionary replacement of trees. The Board will review the draft and submit comments at the May Board meeting.

Some questions have been raised by homeowners regarding the pruning and landscaping done by the landscape contractors. Marie is attempting to arrange a meeting with a McFall representative to discuss the pruning concerns.

A discussion of mulching followed. Bob and Marie will do an inspection of the property and determine which trees are in need of additional mulching.

The Landscape Committee has ordered shrubs for #104 (laurels), #103 (holly bush), #108 (laurel), #111 (weeping laurels). Also, shrubs by #112 (undetermined – presently, heathers by the parking pad) and a photinia at the far end of the street will be replaced. The Committee expects the shrubs to cost approximately \$1,000 (the photinia will come from the tree budget).

Helga J. (#112) has also requested that the Committee/Board examine a hole that has formed by the parking pad of #112. Bob D., Tom S. and Marie will examine the hole and attempt to fill in.

4. Tree committee (Bob D.) -- Bob D. created and distributed a new tree map. Trees marked in red are new trees that will be planted this year. Bob D. has not noticed any additional run-off from #105 Cherry St.

The Romers have removed the two trees in front of their property (approved by the Landscape Committee) and will be putting in two new Redbud trees at their expense.

5. Maintenance Committee -- Steve L. will talk to Tom S. regarding the condition of the Broad St. brick walls. Ed B. has sent Steve L. a detailed report regarding the savings that could be realized by switching the street lights to low energy fluorescent bulbs. Street lamps that are using non 60W bulbs: #121 7W fluorescent, #127 25W incandescent, #131 40W incandescent. The Board will review the presently installed lights and make a determination of what types of bulbs should be used going forward.
6. Social Committee -- No report. A spring picnic is scheduled for May.
7. Old Business – The cistern issue with #105 Cherry St. is considered resolved. The dog waste issue may still be open – the Board members have not noticed any loose dogs recently, but will continue to monitor.
8. New Business -- The home inspector of #117 indicated that the house's electrical box was a defective brand. Steve L. will circulate an e-mail for homeowners identifying the brand.

Garry S. met with a city engineer to discuss the addition of an overhead street light on the telephone pole opposite the Tollgate entrance. The Board reviewed Garry S.'s draft letter to the city regarding the light and approved with minor edits.

Marie M. suggested up-lighting the two crepe myrtles at the Tollgate entrance. Bob D. will review the feasibility of adding two solar uplights to the entrance.

The next board meeting will be May 3, 2008, 9 am at #108 Tollgate (Kirschner residence).

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Submitted by: Eric Kirschner, Secretary