

Minutes of the OHHA Board Meeting of April 7, 2003

Present: David DeLeonardo, Nancy Harrison, Joy Rowan, Doug Sprague

Absent: Diane Balloue, George Dimic, Chris Powell

Approval of agenda: Doug brought an agenda, to which several additions were made. The agenda was then approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the OHHA Board Meeting of March 3, 2003: No one brought copies. Accordingly, we postponed approval. The Minutes of December 9, 2002 have also not been approved.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Officers: The following officers were elected unanimously:

President: Doug Sprague

Vice President: Joy Rowan

Secretary: Nancy Harrison

Treasurer: David DeLeonardo

City Hall Liaison: Chris Powell and Joy Rowan

Newsletter Editor: Joy Rowan

David will somehow have to get together with Valerie Caveglia to get the materials and some instruction, and Doug and Bruce and Valerie and Dave must all get to the bank to transfer the account. Joy must ask City Hall to mail OHHA materials to Doug.

Streets Committee Report: Joy Rowan updated the Board on four events since the March 28 meeting of the Streets Committee. (a) Jesus Armas plans to seek a generalist to prepare the preliminary report. He wants someone with both engineering knowledge and the skills to learn and respond to the preferences of the neighborhood. (b) Jesus Armas must get money (approximately \$100K) to fund the study. That may be a problem. If not, and if the project is ever really begun, the neighborhood will have to repay these costs along with the cost of the project. (c) It's desirable that individuals from OHHA or the streets committee make an effort to talk with all the City Council members to talk up the project. No plans were made about how to accomplish this. (d) If everything goes according to plan, the preliminary study will begin in July.

Joy also requested funds for miscellaneous expenses associated with the Streets Committee. It was M/S/P to allocate \$100 for this purpose. When Dave has the power to act as Treasurer, Joy will give him receipts and he will arrange reimbursement.

OHHA/Neighborhood Alert Coordination: It was M/S/P unanimously that there should be three separate lists of names and personal information: (a) one list of materials for Block Captains, (b) one list for the Coordinator of the Block Captains, and (c) one list of OHHA contacts. OHHA residents should be offered a choice about the list(s) on which they would like to be included. OHHA would greatly appreciate it if the Block Captains would ask their people if they would like to be included on the OHHA list. Doug will ask Holly to implement this.

The OHHA designation of OHHA Neighborhood Alert Liaison still needs change. In September 2002 the OHHA Board approved the following resolutions: "The OHHA Board [shall] designate one Board Member as the Neighborhood Watch Liaison, whose

role is to coordinate the Block Captains in the neighborhood, and serve as a liaison between them and the City. The master list of neighborhood watch information [shall] reside with the Neighborhood Watch Liaison, and not be distributed to others.”

NEW BUSINESS

Letter From Member: A letter was received complaining about non-code construction on Home Ave. possibly causing damage and safety issues. It was apparent from the letter that the City was already aware of the problems. After some discussion it was agreed that Doug would send a letter to the City asking the status of the situation, and also let the family know that action had been taken.

Contractor’s Fee Contributions to Parks: OHHA received a notice about a proposal to raise the amount of money that contractors must contribute to parks. Joy asked whether OHHA should support the measure. It was M/S/P unanimously that she should send an e-mail in support, since anything to be done needs to be done quickly.

Dealing With Future Notices: It was M/S/P unanimously that the OHHA President and Vice President would confer about future notices from the City, to decide whether to e-mail the OHHA mailing list asking OHHA residents to voice their opinions.

Request for OHHA Comment on Parkside Construction: A request was received from the City asking for OHHA’s support of some repairs to be done at a home on Parkside. Such a request is unusual. It was also not clear exactly what was planned, but it was clear that it has something to do with drainage. It was decided that Joy will ask for more information from the City, and Dave will ask the property owner about the project.

Group Home: Dave reported that Becky Ridgeway looked into some issues associated with the group home on Parkside and learned that there may be several violations, including (a) 18 residents rather than the 12 for which the facility is approved, (b) permit in the wrong hands, (c) unpaid City taxes, (d) possible plumbing and sanitation issues, and (e) incomplete inspections. It was M/S/P unanimously to commend Becky’s investigation of these matters, and to tell her that OHHA is prepared to follow up on her findings. Dave is to let Becky know.

Neighborhood Heros: It was M/S/P unanimously to create a list of neighborhood heros and present award certificates at the annual OHHA General Meeting. Two people were nominated: Jerry Cruz for his work in keeping street edges neat, and Becky Ridgeway for her work on the group home, and also for getting one of her neighbors to clean up.

Records: Joy requested that the OHHA Secretary keep a paper record of OHHA minutes and Streets Committee materials. Nancy said ok.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of David DeLeonardo, 26579 Parkside Drive. At that meeting we are to make plans for the rest of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Harrison