

## **Minutes of the OHHA Board Meeting of June 9, 2003**

Board Members Present: David DeLeonardo, George Dimic, Nancy Harrison, Joy Rowan, Doug Sprague

Absent: Diane Ballou, Chris Powell

Others Present: Jerry Kruse

- 1. Open meeting:** Doug called the meeting to order.
- 2. Check In:** An exchange of recent pleasant events in our lives.
- 3. Approval of agenda:** The agenda was approved after adding the word “shrubby.”
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the OHHA Board Meeting of May 19, 2003:** The minutes were approved unanimously, without correction.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report:** During the meeting, the treasury shoebox was ceremonially presented to David. Doug and David will transfer the accounts in the near future. David promised to balance the books before the next meeting.

### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Streets Committee Report:** A long-term report prepared by Joy Rowan and a short-term report prepared by Jerry Kruse were submitted. It was M/S/P unanimously to accept the reports. The reports were discussed. The long-term report is addended to these minutes. To summarize, it describes the pre-preliminary report to be prepared by a consultant hired by the City, which is to be used as the basis for polling the neighborhood. After discussion about the desirability of spending money on the report, it was M/S/P unanimously that the OHHA Board supports the direction that the Streets Committee is taking. The short-term report described the progress made on immediate problems on Tribune. Based on discussions with Jeannette Peck: (1) She acknowledged the OHHA resolution of creating a drainage path/ditch at the corner of Call and Tribune; (2) the City will require the residents at 2761 Tribune to install a drain pipe at the base of their driveway and insure a continuous culvert to the drain basin on their property line; and (3) the final inspection for 2934 Tribune will include approval of proper water drainage along Tribune. The City says they are current on filling potholes on Tribune. It was M/S/P unanimously that the OHHA Board acknowledges and appreciates the short-term solutions to Tribune problems as presented by Jerry Kruse.
- b. Vacant Parkside house:** David spoke with the owner, who is planning to build, but was vague about the timing of his actions. It was M/S/P unanimously that David will tell the owner that OHHA is about to ask the City to take action unless the owner takes quick action to close up the structure. If the owner does not comply, David will call the City and ask them to take whatever steps they can to require the owner to make the structure safe.
- c. Neighborhood Alert:** It was M/S/P unanimously that OHHA supports the existence of a coordinated group of Neighborhood Alert block captains, and that the OHHA

Board shall appoint a Neighborhood Alert Liaison. That motion is intended to replace the September 2002 resolutions concerning a Neighborhood Watch Liaison.

For 2003, Doug Sprague has been serving as Neighborhood Alert Liaison. He reported that the Block Captains have been meeting, and are currently planning activities associated with the national "Night Out" in August.

- a. Dimic Variance Request:** Doug sent OHHA's letter to the City several weeks ago. However, George met with Bob Bauman to discuss plan revisions, and Bob said that he had not received it. Doug will call Bob and make sure that he receives the letter.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Newsletter:** Joy will call Marie Pascal and perhaps Margaret Warhurst for possible assistance with newsletter production. A Newsletter is planned to be mailed on Labor Day weekend. (We said that everyone is to bring content ideas to the next meeting, and written material to the August meeting, but that was before we decided that there will be only one meeting before Labor Day.)
- b. Picnic:** The dates of 21 or 28 September were agreed upon. David said that he would ask his wife, Vicki DeLeonardo, if she would be willing to plan the event. [Note: There is no indication in the Minutes that anyone was reimbursed at all for last year's picnic. The last updated Treasurer's Report is from November 2002; reimbursement must have occurred after that. Plans for last year's picnic included the following responsibilities: Pick up the three signs, modify them as needed, and post them; bring and set up horseshoes and croquet; bring cooler, ice, and pop; bring meat, rolls, and table coverings; bring condiments, charcoal, plates, cups, napkins, cutlery, name tags; prepare tables; light the barbecues; clean up.]
- c. March notes:** The unfinished items on the March notes were dealt with:
- CSUH Student/Faculty Housing: Joy reported that Laura Swann has joined a campus committee, and will keep us informed. Nothing is currently happening. This item will be removed from future agendas until something happens.
  - City Grant Monies: Doug is still interested in pursuing this, with an eye to creating signs to identify the Old Highlands neighborhood. This item is to appear on future agendas.
  - OHHA Board Minutes/Archives: Joy reported that Bruce has copied Valerie's personal materials onto CDs. However, the binders prepared for turnover to the 2003 Board have been lost. Can they be found? Also, the materials at Lou Maiwald's still need to be incorporated. Whose responsibility is it to maintain the archives? This item is to appear on future agendas.
  - Traffic safety: There is nothing particular occurring now. This item will be removed from future agendas until something happens.
  - Bijan Mashaw's property at the corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd.: He is currently meeting with the City about possibly constructing 8 houses.

Treatment of this item with respect to future agendas was not determined.

- Ron Esau's property at the corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd.: He is currently meeting with the City about possibly constructing 1 fewer houses. Treatment of this item with respect to future agendas was not determined.
  - Rob Simpson's property on Hayward Blvd.: The front property is for sale. Treatment of this item with respect to future agendas was not determined.
  - Tree cutting on Parkside and on Hillcrest: In both cases, the debris has been removed, and landscaping plans are being required by the City to replace the lost trees when development goes forward. This item is completed.
  - Hayward's General Plan: Joy has a copy of it. We can get another one for \$25. This item is completed.
  - Crime and unpleasantness: This item will be removed from future agendas until something happens.
- a. Neighborhood heros:** Carole Kaufman was nominated. Consensus was reached that someone would prepare certificates to be presented at the annual meeting, and that the Newsletter after the annual meeting would recognize the heros as well. Doug will check Appleworks for certificate templates.
- b. Gourmet club? Bridge club?:** Rather than such frivolities, it was decided that plans be developed to coordinate volunteers to help neighbors in need of assistance. George volunteered to take on the task, writing an article for the next Newsletter asking for volunteers and nominations for people in need. When the idea of group dinners of the volunteers was added, this idea became even more attractive.
- c. Animal shelter volunteers:** Becky Ridgeway requested this item. It will appear again on an agenda when she can attend.
- d. Neighborhood debris/shrubbery:** The mattress and spa cover have been removed. However, shrubbery at the corner of Hillcrest and Hillcrest is blocking visibility. George volunteered to call the City and ask them either to trim and remove the shrubbery, or give him permission to do it. Jerry and David volunteered to help with the labor.
- e. Action on Tribune lot:** Postponed.

**8. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on July 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Diane Ballou, 26285 Grandview, unless she objects.

**9. Adjournment.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Harrison