

# **OHHA**

## **General Meeting**

Meeting Minutes – 10-18-04

Board Members Present: George Dimic, Rob Simpson, Jerry Kruse, Becky Ridgeway, Dianne Balloue and Harry Steelman

Chairman: George welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and provided a brief review of the activities of the Board over the past year:

- Three proposals for property development were reviewed.
- There are two big ones coming up for next year.
- The Board reviewed a proposal to increase the fence height to 8’.
- George encouraged more home-owner participation

Treasurer’s Report: Becky Ridgeway reported.

Proposal: George proposed an amendment to the By-Laws to limit the Board terms to two years to encourage more home-owner participation. Various points of view were delivered from a full ‘yea’ to a full ‘nae’ and some very softs in between. The proposal was not adopted.

Board Nominations: The following individuals were nominated (volunteered) for the Board for next year:

- Harry Steelman
- Jerry Kruse
- Becky Ridgeway
- Rob Simpson
- Raveen Singh
- Stephanie Delaney
- Jahmas Chapman

All nominees were accepted by the attendees and elected by default.

Streets Committee:

Joy gave a presentation on the status of the Streets and Drainage proposal. She provided a brief history of the streets situation and how we got to where we are today. Her discussion culminated in an equally brief synopsis of Consultants current proposal and the discussions of the meeting with the City and their Consultants this past Thursday evening. The usual discussions and debates followed. Many people support the current proposal on the basis of its’ being an acceptable compromise on the part of the City and may serve to enhance the value

of our homes, while others feel that the City should have been keeping the streets up all along with our taxes and we should hold out until they agree to do so. The biggest objections, of course, center around the approximate \$19,000.00 price tag that could become the responsibility of each parcel. Sherman volunteered to work on a different formula rather than spreading the cost uniformly amongst the parcel owners. It is generally agreed that the streets are in dire need of improvement, but a plan needs to be developed to share the cost in a fair manner.

Other Business:

- Rob brought up the issue of a potential development by the University that threatens to block the vistas enjoyed by the residents on Grandview. It was suggested that we attempt to resurrect a University Liaison. Such a position(s) would help to identify potential impacts to our community and bring them to the attention of the Board and the community as a whole.
- There has been a reported increase in Mail theft. Stephanie suggested residents consider a locking mailbox, and it was generally agreed that using the mailbox for outgoing mail is not a very good idea.
- There has been several auto thefts noted in the area. Keep your cars locked up and the alarms turned on! Do not leave valuables in your car in the driveway or on the street.
- Bruce has again volunteered to put the Meeting Minutes on the website. Harry will get the minutes to him for the past year.

The next meeting with the City and the Streets Consultant will be held on Thursday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Highlands Elementary School.

The next meeting of the Board will be held 7:00 pm Tuesday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Harry's home (2720 Tribune Ave.).

*Submitted by Harry Steelman*