

BFCA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Jack L. McLean Community Center

March 13, 2008

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by the BOD President at 7:10 PM

- Introduction of meeting attendees:

BOD Members: Rod Nedeau, BOD President and Warees Smith, BOD member
(Jill Harper was unable to attend due to FEMA deployment)

Attendees: Vicki Marlatt, BOD Treasurer
Charlotte Hicks and Deborah Taggart, BOD Recording Secretaries
Terra Sherlock, BFCA Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
Terry Tenold, BFCA Grounds Committee
Mary Brand, Homeowner

Report of the President:

- Approve the minutes of the Membership Meeting, February 14, 2008
 - Minutes reviewed and approved (Rod motioned and Warees seconded)
- Report on the feedback received from the issue papers posted to the web site
 - Summary of issue papers posted on Web site:
 - Speeding issue: most responders agreed that we have a problem with speeding in the neighborhood and had suggestions for resolving including speed humps, speed bumps, sidewalks, ripple strips, planters in middle of street built up (one on Brookside and one on Silverwood) with rumble strips to announce them (reinforced corners, reflectors) to force people to slow down (need to widen road to accommodate large trucks), etc.; Rod noted that we have a 'few thousand' to spend on this effort from the short term sinking fund
 - Terry Tenold will look into cost and effort to install rumble strips; Terry asked that the intersection of Silverwood and Brookside also be considered as people are running that Stop Sign
 - Discussed issues of on street parking and congestion; reviewed options for using common property for needed parking
 - David Rosenfeld contacted Rod with concerns about patching the road on Silverwood without consulting him (David is a construction manager for the city of Tallahassee); Rod also informed him about potential for installing road planters and he noted need for additional consultation

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- Warees suggested compiling a list of homeowners with specific expertise they are willing to volunteer to assist BFCA
- Neighborhood trespassing issue – suggestions include fencing the neighborhood, video cameras (Rod looked into motion sensitive video cameras at Kmart with various features needed); kids were seen in the forest again a week and a half ago
 - Mary Brand voiced concern about personal rights\confidentiality issues if videoing and recording homeowners also – Privacy issues
 - Matt Bogdanoff suggested we contact the Nature Conservancy for assistance so Rod contacted them but they were not familiar with Blairstone Forest; Rod found that it is the Apalachee Land Conservancy
 - Rod got in touch with Fred Breeze, of the Apalachee Land Conservancy and discussed trespassing issues in the Forest; Fred agreed to discuss this issue with their attorneys and other Conservancies. Fred would like to come and walk around the Forest to see what we are dealing with.
- Still need to move BFCA money and protecting the sinking funds into higher yielding accounts for better returns – Chris Workman provided some ideas for higher yielding accounts and protecting the sinking funds – suggested Rod check with CU about a 5 year laddered CD for protecting the longer term sinking funds (road repair and infrastructure repair)
- Rod mailed the BFCS IRS 2007 income tax return yesterday – on time! (2006 was sent in Oct 2007).

Report of the Treasurer:

- Report from the Treasurer (Vicki M.)
 - Balance figures provided to Rod:
 - Savings – \$13,380.44
 - Checking - \$32,805.29
 - Vicki reported that 22 – 23 homeowners still owe annual dues; one homeowner has paid one half of their dues; Kristi and Vicki need to get together to update finals. Vicki asked if we should send second notices as reminder (need to include information on interest owed). It was agreed that Vicki will work with Kristi to get invoices for those not paid yet so that Vicki can send second notice. Vicki also asked about collecting interest on late dues payment – answer is “Yes,” interest begins accruing January 31st. Rod suggested that notice be posted on Web site about late dues and interest owed that must be included with the late payment; it should also include Vicki’s contact information for anyone having questions.
 - Vicki brought a utility bill to determine electric billing costs

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- Vicki noted that she has canceled the BFCA telephone

Report of the ACC:

- No report from the ACC; no ACC members were in attendance

Report of the Grounds Committee – Terry Tenold

- Report from the Grounds Committee
 - Terry has not been able to do much with action items from last meeting due to cold and his health – augmentation planting, getting prices on plants for entrance
 - Spotlight that was fixed could get obstructed by plants – last meeting discussed putting lights above sign to avoid this
 - Lattice work – might need to be redone as it is not well attached and flimsy; could need more heavy duty structure
 - Plug additional Liriope into those along entry road
 - Issue of leaning tree – has not done anything with this until decision on which tree needs to be removed (this is behind the house for sale on Brookside– the Carruthers house)
 - Tara asked about bringing in Stan Rosenthal to look at our trees to identify potential problem trees

Blairstone Forest Website:

- We have started using the “Announcements” sign under the Web site sign at the BFCA entrance
 - Considering having George Taylor make more specific signs for New Postings (issues, special notices, etc.)
- We are posting agendas for upcoming meeting on the Web site and will post meeting summaries as soon as possible following meetings from now on.
- If people have ideas for more issue papers, let BOD know so Web site can be used to more directly involve homeowners
- There’s been interest expressed to adding a discussion board. Please provide input to BOD.

Other Business:

- We still need to walk the Orange Ave. property line to see if we can make do with less than 400 feet of additional privacy fence.
 - Rod, Warees and Terry will walk the Orange property line next Tuesday to determine needs for potential security fencing and to look at leaning trees that may need to be moved and/or removed
- Blairstone Park – Tara met a gentleman while she was out walking one day who told her that he and his son would be developing the lot behind Nestlewood stretching to

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Brookside next to the townhouses (Sundance Village Townhouses) as a park; the owner of that lot has died (she had it for sale all of last year); Rod found that it is not able to be developed as there are environmental restrictions, it is usually under water; there are no permits for developing this land at this time and it is not listed for sale by the three trustees who administer the estate (none of whom live in Tallahassee)

- The issue of acquiring this property was discussed – offering to purchase it from the women or suggest they donate it to BFCA as tax write off (we are a non-profit); Rod will ask John to contact them to discuss
- Status of building on property at corner of Silverwood and Red Maple – spec home being built; the potential builder has some permitting issues

Neighborhood Watch Report

- Tara sent a notice to Block Captains and they plan to meet mid April

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

- Next BFCA Membership Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Jack L. McLean Community Center, 700 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, FL

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