

February 5, 2009
Minutes of Board Meeting

Michael Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held at the Kennedy's home.

Board Members Present: Brian Jacobson Kelli Devitte
 Carlotta Smith Adrienne Worah
 Nancy Kennedy Edie Staiger
 Michael Fuller Steve Swank

Board Members Absent: Evelyn Meyers

Approval of Minutes: The January 8th Board Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board.

President's Report:

Dascenzo - Michael read a letter from Brian Snure (attorney for the Dascenzo family) addressing the proposal from the Woodmont Country Club Board to grant a license for the area of WCC land the Dascenzo's have encroached upon with their deck. Mr. Snure made a claim for adverse possession and encouraged a Quiet Title agreement. The Board did not take action beyond the parameters given to it by the general membership in a motion passed at the May 28, 2008 General Membership Meeting. This motion stated, "To instruct the Board to notify the Dascenzo family to remove structures that are on Woodmont property within a specified time limit and further move that the Board will consider entering into a license for the property with a specified time limit." The Board discussed that it has now fulfilled its obligation to the WCC membership as stated in the aforementioned motion in pursuance of reaching resolution with the Dascenzo family. First, the Board in a letter dated September 20, 2008 asked the Dascenzo family to remove that portion of the deck which was encroaching upon WCC property. Secondly, the Board in a letter dated December 17, 2009 offered to settle the matter by proposing a conditional license for use of the encroached property. Neither actions were accepted by the Dascenzo's.

Motion: Brian moved that WCC go to Sue Sampson to draft a license that would be recorded granting permission to use the club property. Motion was seconded and passed.

Al Smith Stairs - City of Des Moines surface water manager pulled information on lot 8. Des Moines is responsible for pipe at Smith Trail site, and proceeding with repair, and drain pipe.

Vacated Board Position - Michael Fuller reported that per the Board's request, he contacted Sandy Babbitt inquiring if she would agree to fill the Board position her late husband, David, had filled. Michael reported that Sandy would give the request consideration and get back in touch with him.

Gate Repair – Michael reported that the gate to the plaza had been damaged by a sliding car during the snow days in December. The driver apologized and is taking action to see that the gate is repaired and made functional.

Compliments : We are grateful for Wes and Donna Martin’s vigilance in picking up trash. Thank you Eric Wolford for paving the area from the tennis courts to Sanikan. Thank you Rick Devitte for disposing of scrap concrete.

Treasurer’s Report: Edie explained that our finances are sound. Stephanie Diakate notified Edie that she will have her sons pay dues directly to Edie.

Old Business:

Charter Research Update - Edie and Carol Belland went through the safe deposit box, purging old records. They found the original map and some other interesting artifacts that will be saved. Edie and Carol will place relevant records in binders organized by decade. Relevant records have been scanned.

Clearing Vegetation - Steve inquired about hiring a brush clearing service that uses goats to clean off the hill above North Beach. The main concern is the ivy. The cost is \$200.00 to set-up a fence, a three day minimum at \$400.00 a day, which would include 60 goats. He will be looking into other estimates and methods as well.

Leaning Trees in Canyon - Steve emailed the City of Des Moines regarding the leaning trees in the canyon. Patrice Thorell, Parks and Recreation Director, will be sending John Blackburn to look at the situation and assess the trees. The trees are on city property.

Private Snow Removal Contractor Research – Removed from agenda

Maintenance – Brian Jacobson

1. U of W horticulture department will be in touch with Brian regarding trees above North Beach.
2. Richard Norby, electrician, hasn’t contacted us regarding the panel at the Plaza. Brian will contact an electrician recommended by a Board member.
3. North Beach stairs repaired.
4. Scheduled walk with arborist above North Beach.
5. Contacted Toni Bentler regarding Movie Night this summer.

New Business

Vacant Lot Listing/Beach Rights – Rod McNew, a real estate agent who lives in the Woodmont neighborhood, sent an e-mail to Michael Fuller sharing that lots 1 & 2, block 48 which is located behind Jeff and Sandy Floyd's house and owned by the Floyds, is going on the market. Rod inquired if new owners of this property would have association rights. The Board researched this and confirmed that upon paying membership dues, the owners of this property would have the rights and privileges afforded all members of the WCC. Steve is going to investigate access from 10th to this property.

Burglaries – Michael shared that over the past month, there have been two burglaries. Kelli will continue to let our community know through e-mail when such incidents take place.

Decayed Retaining Material – North Beach – Michael shared that he had been contacted by Matt Small, President of the North Beach Homeowners Association. Matt shared that a small portion of creosote retaining material was decaying and will need replacing. The timber is located right next to Lakehaven's pump station.

March 26 Membership Meeting – Michael reminded everyone of the upcoming General Membership meeting slated for March 26 at 7:00 in the gym at Woodmont elementary.

Social:

Charlie Bingham is no longer chairing the garage sale and it will cease. Thank you to the Bingham's for chairing this event.

Janet Sorby is chairing the Kid's Parade this June.

Nancy has established dates for WCC events this summer. Will be in newsletter.

Communication:

Email neighbors regarding recent break-in just outside of Lower Woodmont boundaries, set alarms, call police on any suspicious activity, be careful when leaving keys outside, pick-up papers for absent neighbors.

Email revised date for General Membership Meeting to Thursday, March 26th.

Kelli will produce newsletter, print and mail.

Kelli will order dumpster from Allied Waste to be delivered for one week during Earth Day, April 25th.

Kelli is in charge of providing food and beverage at the Earth Day Clean-Up and the March General Membership Meeting in Nancy's absence.

Membership: No Report.

Electronic Communication: Adrienne will update the site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kelli Devitte, substitute Secretary

