

**Woodmont County Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2006**

**Board Members Present:** Brian Jacobson Bill Kennedy  
Carlotta Smith Stephen Hansen  
Gary Spies Evan Sorby  
Adrienne Worah Tom Schacht  
Eileen Clemans

**Board Members Absent:** Larry Allen

Brian Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was held at Woodmont Elementary. Brian introduced the current board.

**Roll Call:** There were 27 families represented. A quorum is 25: Brian declared that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were provided to all attendees. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2005 meeting.

**President's Report:**

Brian said thank you to all the board members for serving this last year. He also gave a special thank you to Nancy Kennedy for putting together the newsletter and mailing it out. Another special thank you went to Matt Small for maintenance of the gate.

Brian spoke for a few minutes about our tree policy. The hillside is fragile and the trees help to stabilize it. Drastic cutting compromises the hillside severely. A member violated our tree policy this last year when they topped and cut trees. They have been reported to the City of Des Moines.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Gary Spies presented the treasurer's report. The financial statements look similar to those presented at the March community meeting. Expenses were less than budgeted. The CD has been closed out for cash.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Traffic Calming Request:**

Volunteers are collecting signatures on the petition for the speed bump study. We need 90% of those within 400 feet of the planned bumps to sign.

### **Lakehaven Easement:**

Steve Hanson reported that he, Steve Edmiston and Michael Fuller are on the committee but they have not yet met. Lakehaven wants to widen their current easement on the beach for \$3000. Part of the committee's job will be to assess whether this is a fair compensation. Steve E. commented that they would be looking at the relationship between Lakehaven and the community. They need to see us as a customer unlike several instances in the recent past. For example, they didn't give notice a few weeks ago when they came to flush the system and turned off the water without notice. They also put down crushed rock on the beach before they put down the round rock as a better replacement. Carol brought up the question of whether the new easement will impact the Northbeach road easement in any way.

### **Tennis Court Project Update:**

Brian reported that Evan is taking down the old fence. Volunteers will be needed to work on the retaining wall. Grading work will be done to shave the burm on the west side of the court. The east bank will be smoothed and paving will begin after heavy work is done. We are hoping to do the majority of this work in June. There was some discussion about the tennis court work:

Has a time been set for cinder block placement? No, will call for volunteers as needed.

What will be the surface under the play structure? Grass

Has surface water management been considered? City of Des Moines didn't seem concerned. It should be an improvement over what is now in place.

Will people be able to reserve the area for special events? This has not been discussed yet but it is likely.

### **Special Assessment:**

Brian reminded the membership of a motion that was made in the March meeting suggesting that we consider a special assessment. There is a concern that the railing at the plaza will not be installed if all the funds are used for the tennis court project. Brian opened the presentation with the reminder that this is a community decision and that all comments and any amendments are welcome.

Items that would be covered by the assessment are as follows:

1. Railing—The railing is planned for the west and south edge of the plaza area. The height will be 42 inches and the railing will stretch between four columns. Cost: cost of columns \$600 ( $\$400 / \text{column} \times 4$ ) + cost of railing \$4200 = a total cost of \$5800
2. Picnic tables—5 tables were ordered about 7 years ago. We now have a total of 8. The 3 oldest are bare of paint. The recommendation is to order new tables. Nylon coated steel tables are \$ 532 each. Costco picnic tables are \$100 and have a fold up option. Umbrella holes could be drilled in them. 10 @ \$100 each = \$1000.

3. Eagle project—The projected cost is about \$1000. A member expressed a concern that shrubs will be taken out.

A motion was made to do a special assessment for the three projects; railing, picnic tables and Eagle project. The total dollar amount needed is \$7800. Each regular member would pay a special assessment of \$100 and each senior member \$75. The motion was seconded.

Discussion:

Will the railing impact the view from the plaza? Did you explore other alternatives? Yes

Is the special assessment allowable? Yes, it will require a 2/3 majority to pass.

The dues really don't cover maintenance of the facilities. The North beach stairs need to be repaired. The electrical service at the plaza seems inadequate.

A motion was made to amend the motion on the floor by adding that any remaining money would be used for work on the electrical service. The amendment was seconded.

Discussion on the amendment: A circuit could be added to the box for a couple of hundred dollars. Cords may need to be replaced. We need to get advice from an electrician.

A vote was called on the amendment and it passed.

Discussion on the amended motion continued.

How will the assessment be enforced? Possibly an initiation fee will be required for rejoining if someone quits for the year. Encourage people to pay by advertising how hard the board has worked to keep down dues! Encourage volunteer labor to continue to keep dues down.

The motion is to have a special assessment to complete the railing, purchase picnic tables, and complete the Eagle Scout project and, if money is available, to expand electrical service at the plaza.

Roll was checked again and 29 members were present. The motion passed with more than a 2/3 majority.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Social**—Evan passed out a handout showing the revised social schedule for 2006. He reported that there had been a large group at the Christmas party. He asked for musicians for the Kid's parade. The garage sale will be July 15. A new activity will be a bi-weekly barbeque at the plaza where everyone brings their own food.

**Trees** – No report.

**Membership**—Carlotta has forms available for any prospective members.

**Communication**—Adrienne was thanked for doing such a great job on the website.

### **Proposed Budget**

A motion was made to accept the 2006-2007 budget as proposed. It was seconded and passed.

### **Board Elections**

Virg Staiger presented as prospective board members Kelli Devitte and Matt Small. A motion was made to accept the slate of board members. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Other Business**

Carol said thank you to the board from the community.

It was also mentioned that the paving in the plaza area needs to be surfaced with a sealer coat.

People were asked to sign up for pledging donations and/or labor after the meeting. (Attachment A is the list of donations and volunteers from both the March and May community meetings.)

**Adjournment:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Clemans  
Secretary

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **MARCH:**

Eddie Devito-- Play Structure

Reed Keeney-- General

Jim Kahn-- Landscaping

Erik Wolford--Landscaping & retaining wall

John Parisi-- Trenching and equipment

Rich Norby-- Electrical & Labor

Roy Bartlett-- General

### **MAY:**

The following people pledged donations at the meeting tonight:

Play Structure (March Meeting)	\$3000	Eddie DeVito
Landscaping (March Meeting)	\$3000	Steve & Teresa Hansen
Picnic Tables (2) and benches (3)	\$2000+	Tom Schacht
Planter Box \$100		Kennedy
Planter Box \$100		Devitte

The following people donated their labor:

#### **Fence removal**

Rick Devitte

David Watt

#### **Planter Boxes**

Carol Belland

#### **Landscaping**

Eric Wolford

#### **General**

Matt Small

Reed Keeney

Rich Norby

Bill Kennedy