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ROXBURY OF MOUNT VERNON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
July 1, 2013

1. The annual meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church by President Tonja Stewart. She introduced the other Board members—Muriel Brown, Vice-President; Daisy McGinley, Secretary-Treasurer; and Art Grammer, Director. DeWayne Ford, Director, was absent due to family illness. Ten members (including one proxy) were represented, constituting a quorum. Eventually twenty homeowners were in attendance.
2. The draft minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting were submitted by the Secretary. After discussion, Mr. Art Grammer made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Mrs. Naushaba Jaffri. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Communications. Nothing to report.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - The Treasurer provided copies of the financial report for all attendees.
 - Some significant items from the cash flow statement were:
 - Total expenses were about \$98,200 (\$18,900 more than budgeted) while income was about \$3,600 less than expected. Reserves decreased by about \$16,800.
 - There were significant maintenance expenses for replacing a fence (\$13,700) and street repaving (\$37,500). In addition, removal of damaged trees cost \$2,500. Uncollectible assessments were \$100 for one foreclosure.
 - Accounts Receivable
 - Delinquent assessments receivable are \$15,115 compared to \$11,913 owed on June 30, 2012. About \$12,600 of the balance due is owed by three owners (3737 Roxbury Lane, 3742 Roxbury Lane, and 8203 Roxbury Drive) who have Association liens on their houses.
 - Budget for 2013-2014
 - As previously announced, the annual dues will increase from \$859.00 to \$873.60 or \$218.40 per quarter for the next year. The trash fee will continue at \$14.00 per month or \$42.00 per quarter. The total quarterly assessment will be \$260.40.
 - At its June 20, 2013, meeting, the Board approved the budget for the 2013-2014 year. The Board has decided that the priority maintenance for the next year will be the replacement of the fence on our property line behind the homes on Roxbury Lane. We also plan to restripe the parking spaces on Roxbury Court and Roxbury Drive and defer street repaving for a year.
 - Auditor's Report
 - No irregularities were found for the year ending June 30, 2012. The Treasurer asked that if any member has any questions, he or she should contact her after the meeting.
5. ACC
 - Home Inspections
 - The Secretary stated that the inspections will be done later this week and the inspection reports will be mailed with the July newsletter. We have assessed fines on fifteen owners for long-standing serious violations. After receiving the inspection report, any owner with

questions about his or her report should contact a Board member.

- Other Issues

- Ms. Bahta of 3756 Roxbury Lane asked that the Board check the sinkhole by the culvert in front of her house. Art Grammer commented that we had the lawn service company fill the hole a few years ago. If it has opened again, we will contact the Fairfax County engineer to inspect it. It may be a problem that they need to fix.

6. New Business

- Solar Lights

- The Secretary reported that DeWayne Ford has been researching the feasibility of replacing the lights at the Richmond Highway entrance with solar lights to avoid the cost of replacing the underground electric line. If the solar lights work at the entrance, the Board will be considering adding new solar street lights throughout the community.

- Miscellaneous Issues

- Several residents mentioned that the corner of Roxbury Drive and Roxbury Lane is still dangerous for traffic making the turn. The Board agreed to have the Roxbury Drive curb painted yellow to eliminate parking in that area.
- Several residents of Roxbury Court asked again about the plum tree by their mailboxes. They indicated that it is time to have the tree removed. It will be put on the list along with having the trees along Roxbury Drive trimmed. Mr. Dudley mentioned that the big tree behind his house has several broken branches that should be removed and Ms. Bahta asked about having the tree behind her house removed. Art Grammer stated that the arborist looked at it last year and told us that it is healthy. She wants it removed anyway. The Board will consider it. Several residents asked about the tree in the side yard of 3757 Roxbury Lane; it appears to be leaning toward the street just like the fence. The Board has already told the owner.
- Mr. Rodriguez of 3704 Roxbury Lane complained that his neighbors leave their trash cans in front of their houses all the time. The Secretary mentioned that it is difficult for the Board to patrol the community and send notices to all such homeowners. We cannot just fine one or two homeowners; we have to fine all violators at the same time.
- The Board is still planning to install the stop sign at our Richmond Highway entrance to help with the traffic problem. The President mentioned that VDOT had done the safety study last Fall but indicated that they could not do anything to alleviate the traffic problems. Their suggestion was that the Association at least installs the stop sign to alert exiting traffic to the problem with traffic coming from Goodwill/El Eden.
- Mr. Dudley of 3700 Roxbury Lane asked if the Board could find out when the Church will be clearing their lot behind Roxbury Lane. They usually clear the undergrowth twice a year and nothing has been done yet. There is a big mosquito problem. The Secretary will contact the Church about the plans for clearing the underbrush and Art Grammer suggested that Mr. Dudley contact the Fairfax County Health Department to have the area sprayed for mosquitoes. The County will do local spraying if the residents call them.
- Several residents complained about the condition of the mailboxes. The President explained that they are the property of the U.S. Postal Service and we have requested permission to paint them. The Board has not received a response. Residents can direct their complaints to the local post office or write the Regional Postmaster.
- The Secretary reported that barberry bushes are being planted in the corner at the entrance to discourage any homeless individuals from camping there.

- The Secretary asked if anyone was willing to volunteer for any of the committees that could assist the Board with such issues as beautification, social activities, Architectural Control, etc. Ms. Washington of 8229 Roxbury Drive mentioned that we should have a Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Grammer mentioned that we have tried before but no one would volunteer for it. There were no volunteers for any of the committees to assist the Board.
- Several residents at the end of Roxbury Lane mentioned that there is a large stray cat problem. The residents who are feeding them are also feeding the racoons. The next newsletter should ask those residents to stop putting the food out for the animals. The Secretary mentioned that one of her neighbors was going to ask a friend who works with an animal rescue group about coming to trap the cats.

7. Elections: As previously announced, two three-year terms filled by Tonja Stewart and Art Grammer expired as of July 1. Tonja Stewart nominated Art Grammer, Art Grammer nominated Tonja Stewart, and Pat Williams nominated Joseph Langley. The Secretary passed out the ballots. After the votes were cast, Pat Washington and Konjit Hussein Ali counted the ballots. The final count was 15 votes for Tonja Stewart, 13 votes for Joseph Langley, and 11 votes for Art Grammer; thus, Tonja Stewart and Joseph Langley were elected to the Board.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.. A special thanks to Tonja Stewart for bringing refreshments for the meeting.

Submitted by

Daisy McGinley
RHOA Secretary-Treasurer