

Foxfire Homeowners Association

FHA ANNUAL MEETING - JAN 26 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Officers introduced: MaxAnne Jones, President, Dwayne Walters, Vice-President, Patsy Deere, Treasurer, Sarah Adams, Secretary, Steve Searcy, Katey Fink, Jacqueline Graman, Doni Roper. Toby Sledge was not present. Architectural Control Committee members Bob Leland, Chara Ragland and Dick Cregar not present. Special appointee to the board: Charlotte Slack

MaxAnne recognized John Crompton, City Council member and Foxfire resident and introduced College Station Police officers: Lt. Mark Langwell, Sgt. Todd VanDresar, Asst. Chief Jeff Capps. Sgt. VanDresar is the chief of our beat and he did a presentation on the city's new beat system. As of January 5, 2009, the city is divided into 8 police beats, with officers assigned to each beat. Their specific focus is 4 things: reduce crime, reduce fear of crime, improve partnerships with citizens and neighborhoods and improve quality of life. Any resident can report any incident or concern to Sgt. VanDresar, he handed out a beat map and his card with phone numbers and email address (Tvandresar@cstx.gov) which is his preferred way to contact him for non-emergency items. Foxfire is part of Beat 70 which is on the east side of Hwy. 6 from the mall and south to the city limits. This big beat area means that there are less calls for service typical to that area. 5 patrol officers also work the beat, 2 daytime, 2 evening, 1 night, and the beat has an assigned detective too. Code enforcement issues can go through them also. A member's question about deer was referred to the Animal Control officer at 764-6261 or the Game Warden. MaxAnne mentioned that our HOA stays connected via email and reports of incidents go out to all the members. A question about homeowners being on vacation was answered with the information to let the police know and they can do a "close patrol" on your residence and give them information about who should be around your house.

Another College Station staff person was introduced, Heather Woolwine (Hwoolwine@cstx.gov) who is the Recycling Coordinator and answered questions about the city's recycling program.

Then we heard from Lindsay Kramer, Senior Planner with the city, about Single-Family Overlay Districts. SFODs are on top of zoning districts, affording additional protection to neighborhoods. Done at the request of property owners, does restrict development and does provide an amount of certainty to development. There is no architectural control but does have tree preservation, restriction on which way garages can face, maximum lot coverage, etc. Previously required 60% of property owners to affirm but now is 50% plus 1. Does not have to be a whole subdivision but there are guidelines for what can be overlayed. John Crompton added that it helps an HOA to enforce deed restrictions to some level since it becomes the city's responsibility. Overlays are done by block, not whole neighborhoods, example: Howe Drive: those 8 houses dictate pattern of development. Once overlay is granted it impacts ability to add on to a home and the overlay stands until the process is done again. There is a fee involved for an overlay. Several members asked more questions about the overlays and what would be permitted.

Minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Patsy Deere. A financial audit was done with Katey Fink, MaxAnne Jones and Pam Schneider approving. The report was approved.

MaxAnne read the proposed Bylaw changes regarding membership dues which came from the board and bylaw changes regarding notification of special meetings. A copy is attached.

Since the bylaw changes were a motion from the board, only a second was required. Doug Slack seconded the motion and a written vote was conducted. Doni and Jacqueline collected and counted the ballots and both motions passed unanimously.

Charlotte Slack made a motion to have the HOA pay fees for blocks of residents who want to do an overlay. Christine Williams seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The members voted on the motion and it was defeated. MaxAnne said the board will take this as a directive to study the overlay concept further.

Bylaw change to Article III from the board was read by MaxAnne. A copy is attached. Pam Schneider seconded the motion from the board. Discussion was held. Doni and Jacqueline collected the written ballots and counted them. The bylaw change was approved unanimously.

Neighborhood Social Activities: MaxAnne asked for feedback from members for what to continue, add or delete and how much money we should spend. An idea for a National Night Out celebration was mentioned. Steve asked if membership would support spending \$200-300 for social events since the board is uncomfortable just spending the money. One member suggested to make it an annual budget amount. Pam Schneider suggested making the events more of a potluck, volunteer, small scale type and Christine Williams and Sarah Adams agreed that members can help pay. Doug Slack recommended that the board should make a plan and budget for an event before a motion is made to spend money. MaxAnne read the bylaws concerning spending.

Nominees to the Foxfire HOA board were presented: Bob Brandon, Kimberly McAdams, and Bonnie Rigelsky. Nominee to the ACC presented: MaxAnne Jones. Helen Phillips moved to accept the entire slate by acclamation, seconded by Gerald Fry. Voting was held and the entire slate of nominees was accepted and approved.

Other business:

No ACC report.

MaxAnne reported that she had been attending the Eastside Neighborhood Coalition meetings. Helen Phillips has a copy of an article from the Houston Chronicle about dealing with Weingarten. John Thomas mentioned a book available called Walmart Effect. A 4th of July activity was discussed and also a plant swap and a Candidate Forum.

The Sign Committee is being reorganized and the board will look into demolition of existing sign.

Pam Schneider acknowledged Elaine Cartwright and Kay Youngblood for mowing services and maintenance and John Thomas congratulated Rex Sanders for induction into the Baseball National Hall of Fame.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Schneider and seconded by Pam Place. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.