

The History of the Foxfire Subdivision

College Station, Texas

Foxfire Beginnings

On June 15, 1976, the Foxfire Development Corporation filed deed restrictions for Foxfire Phase 1 as a residential subdivision with the Brazos County Clerk. The document was signed by Robert D. Martell, President and Joe Buser, Vice President. In that document, the Architectural Control Committee members were named as Robert D. Martell, C. William Hedderman, and Joe Buser.

Deed restrictions for the remaining three phases were filed as listed below:

September 10, 1976 – Foxfire Phase 2

April 6, 1981 – Foxfire Phase 3

1989 – Foxfire Phase 4

First Residents

The first residents of the Foxfire Subdivision were Dennis and Gayla Christiansen who moved in 1977. Dennis remembers that the builders worked without roads, water or electricity. Generators were brought in to provide power to build the house. By the time Christiansens moved in, of course, they all had the conveniences expected in a home. Dennis reports that it was a good place to live in 1977, and it's still a good place today!

Residents voted in the Peach Creek Community center, approximately ten miles south of Foxfire.

The Beginning of the Foxfire Homeowners Association

Approximately nine years later in January 1985, a group of Foxfire residents met in the home of Doug and Charlotte Slack to “discuss common interests, concerns, and the possibility of forming a homeowners association.” Those residents sent a letter to everyone living in Foxfire inviting them to a meeting on Monday, March 25 with an agenda listed as follows:

- Water bills
- Roads
- Maintenance of entrance and triangle
- Discussion of homeowners association

The letter ended with the statement, “Approximately 80 families now make their homes in Foxfire, and we feel that working together we can make Foxfire an even better place to live.”

Residents signing the letter included Mike and Kitty Laughlin, Paul and Linda Parrish, Don and Elizabeth Bray, Ed and Joanne Kuehn, and Doug and Charlotte Slack.

At the March 15, 1985 meeting held at the Unitedbank Building in College Station, residents agreed to form a homeowners association. Gary Sorensen was charged with chairing a committee to develop articles of incorporation and bylaws for a Foxfire Homeowners Association. Clark Adams was charged with conducting and reporting on a mail survey of Foxfire property owners.

The “birthday” of the Foxfire Homeowners Association is May 20, 1985, when Foxfire residents met and approved the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws presented by Sorenson and his committee.

On October 14, 1985, the initial organizational meeting of the Foxfire Homeowners Association was held with the following announced agenda:

- Election of officers
- Discussion of goals and needs
- Dues
- Report of nominating committee

A nominating committee composed of Gordon Echols, Glenda Fraley, Mary Chauvin, and chaired by Don Bray presented the following persons to serve as members of the first Board of Directors:

Alan Cruthirds
Gerald Frye
Don Hill
Mike Laughlin
Mike McWhorter
Jim Moore
Greg Singer
Doug Slack
Tommy Welch

All About Mailboxes

You can thank the Foxfire Homeowners Association for your door-to-door mail delivery in Foxfire. Until April, 1985, Foxfire residents (approximately 80 at that time) retrieved their mail from a long row of unsightly, inconvenient rickety mailboxes near the Foxfire entrance marker.

On March 25, 1985, when Foxfire residents met to approve the idea of a homeowners association, guests included two county commissioners and the College Station Post Master. In rather heated discussions with the Post Master, residents expressed a desire for door-to-door mail delivery. The Post Master insisted that Foxfire would have cluster boxes at intersections, nothing more. In a surprise gesture of frustration, the Post Master caved to residents' requests and agreed to door-to-door delivery. County commissioners at the meeting then offered free mail box stands to all residents.

Doug Slack and a group of other men visited the county warehouse site and loaded a truck with mailbox stands fitted in an octagonal block of concrete. The stands, painted in silver reflective paint, were designed to be sturdy yet movable when roadsides were mowed. Phone calls were made to all the residents asking if they wanted the stands, and several men went around and dropped off the stands in people's yards. Some of those original mailbox stands are still in service in Foxfire.

Year-by-year History: 1987

Board of Directors

President Gerald Frye
V. President David Shellenberger
Treasurer Paul Parrish
Wick McKean
Greg Singer
Doug Slack
Tommy Welch
Marie Cruthirds
Darlene Eastman

Community Day April 4

Activities included repainting letters on wooden street markers, cutting brush, collecting trash. After a pot luck picnic lunch, members of the Precinct I Volunteer Fire Department demonstrated their fire truck and equipment.

The board studied annexation to College Station and found that costs of living in College Station and Foxfire were nearly the same. City officials indicated that they had no interest in annexing Foxfire in the near future because of the low density of residences and costs of upgrading the roads to minimum city standards.

Resident Mike McWhorter and sons Jason and Wes mowed and trimmed the triangle.

The annual meeting on November 12 was devoted primarily to continuing problems with water management.

A newsletter article read as follows:

“Inquisitive dogs play havoc with trash on Tuesday mornings. Please try to remember to confine dogs on Tuesday mornings to maintain the appearance of Foxfire and the good relations of your neighbors.”

Year-by-year History: 1988

Board of Directors

President Jim Hull
V. President David Shellenberger
Sec./Treas. Paul Parrish
Tommy Welch
Wick McKean
Doug Slack
Dick Duple
Frankie Hitt
Mr. Lynn Beason

In August, County Commissioner Bill Cooley arranged to have major Foxfire roads improved dramatically this year, bringing them up to the city of College Station standards. This prompted discussion again of annexation by the city. At the annual meeting, residents agreed to form a task force to study the issue.

A community work day was held April 9 followed by a pot luck lunch at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Year-by-year History: 1989

Board of Directors

President Dick Duple
V. President David Shellenberger
Sec./Treas. Linda Busby
Wick McKean
Frankie Hitt
Mr. Lynn Beason
Donna Fox
Jim Moore
Jim Hull

As immediate past president, Jim Hull wrote a letter to residents about his disturbing calls from residents complaining about teenagers who were reportedly throwing stones to break out street lights and others who were driving recklessly. Callers usually included names, addresses and license plate numbers of the errant teens. Jim encouraged residents that Foxfire is a great place to live and that community awareness and action are essential. He felt Foxfire residents should work hard to get to know one another to support safety and responsibility in Foxfire.

County Commissioner Gary Norton worked closely with residents on the following projects:

- 1) Street sign placement and speeding. A speed survey on Foxfire Drive from the entrance to the triangle showed an average of 41 mph. The top 85% averaged 49 mph. As a result, Norton suggested that perhaps a 35 mph limit would be better than 30 mph.
- 2) Clean-up day. Norton arranged for large dump trucks to be stationed at two locations in Foxfire for large trash disposal.
- 3) Voting location. Norton discussed plans to move Foxfire voting from the Peach Creek Community Center.

Deputy Lous Koronka of the Sherriff's department spoke to the Board of Directors meeting about crime prevention programs available to residents: 1) Crime watch and 2) Operation ID.

Bumper stickers with a Foxfire logo were distributed free of charge to residents as part of a security watch program.

Year-by-year History: 1990

Board of Directors

President Tim Sanford
V. President Donna Fox
Sec./Treas. Linda Busby
Frankie Hitt
Mr. Lynn Beason
Leon Edmisson
Brian Murphy
Judy Steinbach
Jim Griffin

Crime Watch signs were erected in Foxfire and Deputy Louis Koronka from the Sherriff's office spoke to residents about crime prevention.

Shawn Hitt was paid to mow the entrance and triangle areas.

The Board was instrumental in getting glass and aluminum recycling bins placed in Sandstone Park.

Some residents were interested in establishing a baby-sitting co-op in Foxfire.

The annual meeting minutes included a note regarding poor reception from TV channel 3 throughout Foxfire.

Year-by-year History: 1991

Board of Directors

President	Tim Sanford
V. President	Leon Edmisson
Sec./Treas.	Linda Busby
Brian Murphy	
Judy Steinbach	
Stacy Gunnels	
Donna Fox	
Helen Rosson	
Doug Slack	

911 emergency service was announced for Foxfire. College Station dispatchers took calls.

Annexation by College Station was again a major issue of discussion, with water issues being an impetus for further study. The water system was described as being in “dire straights such that a major break could render the system inoperable, and money is not available in the water company to pay for such a possibility.” Residents were provided with updated costs related to annexation.

Year-by-year History: 1992

Board of Directors

President Bill Fox
V. Pres. Leon Edmisson
Sec./Treas. Helen Rosson
Judy Steinbach
Stacy Gunnels
Doug Slack
B. J. Conrad
Tim Sanford
Brian Murphy

Annexation by College Station 1992

Amid growing concerns about water issues in Foxfire, the Board of Directors undertook a mission to determine solutions to the problems. In January, 1992, Bill Hedderman who operated the system that supplied Foxfire with water supply indicated that he wanted to “get out of the water business.” Residents were left with only two options: 1) transfer our water system to the Wellborn Water District, or 2) transfer our water system to College Station.

The Wellborn Water District was dropped as a viable option after learning it would assess each resident as much as \$850 in set-up fees and charge rates similar to those currently charged by the Foxfire system.

That left College Station. The city refused to accept our water system unless we were part of the city. As a result, the Board of Directors determined that annexation was the best alternative. Board President Bill Fox and Doug Slack spent many hours collecting information, meeting with city officials and meeting with residents. Residents were supplied with as much information as possible to enable them to make informed decisions.

The safety of the water system was the reason for pursuing annexation, but Foxfire had been a rural subdivision for sixteen years. “City living” brought new concerns, such as taxes and city services, to light. New city services would include police and fire protection, weekly sanitation service, and road maintenance. City officials indicated they would not install paved sidewalks and street lights, so Foxfire’s country living atmosphere would remain. Cost analysis figures determined that taxes would increase, but home insurance, water rates and sanitation rates would be lower.

Other considerations included the fact that Foxfire was within the extra territorial jurisdiction of College Station. The city could force annexation at any time, but obviously city officials preferred a petition from residents requesting annexation. Residents were informed about the petition process and deadlines.

At a called meeting of Foxfire homeowners on February 25, 1992, residents began signing the annexation petition. Out of approximately 145 property owners, 122 signatures were secured either at the meeting or during follow-up contacts. About ten chose not to sign and another ten were inaccessible due out-of-state addresses, etc.

On February 27, the College Station City Council accepted the petition and voted to initiate annexation. City personnel then began preparing legal documents and developing plans for city services to the area.

On June 25, 1992 at approximately 7:05 p.m., Foxfire was officially annexed by the city of College Station. Newsletter reports on the event included a comment by a developer/builder who happened to be at the city council meeting. After the annexation vote, he said, "I can tell you for a fact that property values in Foxfire just went way up because you are now in the city."

Annexation proved to be a boon to Foxfire with road improvements, new street signs, and city services providing support for a secure neighborhood. However, the continuing need for a Foxfire Homeowners Association was apparent. The Association served as the "voice" for Foxfire at city hall on issues related to zoning, city ordinances, and city services. The maintenance of property values and quality of life were the original reasons for establishing the organization. Those purposes continued after annexation.

Year-by-year History: 1993

Board of Directors

President	Bill Fox
V. Pres.	Leon Edmisson
Secretary	Stacy Gunnels
Treasurer	Betty Jo Conrad

Linda Busby
Elaine Cartwright
Brian Murphy
Dale Peterson
Robbie Sells

A proposed oil well in the field west of Holy Cross Lutheran Church was unanimously opposed by the Board of Directors.

Teenage drinking was noted as a problem, with Foxfire developing a reputation as a “get away” for drinking parties.

The Association assumed responsibility for paying the electricity bill to light the entrance marker. The bill had previously been paid by the Foxfire Development Corporation with monies from the water system.

Dues were raised from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

In a cost-cutting measure, newsletters were sent only to paid members of the Association rather than all residents.

Noise pollution from a gas compressor station with 9 diesel engines on Bird Pond Road was investigated.

College Station police officer Byron Tilton spoke about crime prevention at the annual meeting.

Year-by-year History: 1994

Board of Directors

President	Bill Fox
V. Pres.	Leon Edmisson
Secretary	Stacy Gunnels
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
Don Campbell	
Elaine Cartwright	
Tim Gladura	
Dale Peterson	
Robbie Sells	

Residents collected information and met with city officials requesting a city park in Foxfire was denied.

Year-by-year History: 1995

President	Stacy Gunnels
V. Pres.	Don Campbell
Secretary	Elaine Cartwright
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
Tim Gladura	
Dale Peterson	
Robbie Sells	
Ray Riley	
Bonnie Byram	

An East Bypass Homeowners Associations Coalition was formed, and Foxfire joined along with Woodcreek, Sandstone, Emerald Forest, Raintree, and Windwood.

Fawn street in Foxfire was renamed to Fairfax because College Station had two streets with the name Fawn.

Green reflective mailbox markers were offered to residents in Foxfire for \$7.00.
A College Station firefighter declared, "These are the best things I have ever seen!"

A poll of Foxfire residents was conducted to determine whether to ask the city for street lights. In a newsletter, the pros were described by Dr. and Mrs. Travis Small. The cons were presented by Richard Crooks and Vicky Newman. In a vote via a return post card, the 64 voted against street lights and 40 voted for street lights.

Thanks to the Homeowners Association, a developer's plans to build a car dealership at the corner of Sebesta Road and the Highway 6 Bypass access road were denied by the College Station City Council.

Year-by-year History: 1996

Board of Directors

President	Stacy Gunnels
Co-V. Pres.	Robbie Sells
Co-V. Pres.	Ray Riley
Secretary	Bonnie Byram
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
Don Campbell	
Tim Gladura	
Mike Middleton	
Dale Peterson	

The Board of Directors unanimously recommended that Foxfire petition the city to be zoned under a new category A-OR rather than the current R-1 which was not designed to protect the rural nature of Foxfire. This zoning designation was not available when Foxfire was annexed in 1992.

Recommendations were made to replace the entrance marker.

Year-by-year History: 1999

President	Stacy Gunnels
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
Secretary	Sarah Adams
Marge Thielen	
Travis Small	
Mike Middleton	
Chris Vitera	
Robbie Sells	

Year-by-year History: 2000

President	Stacy Gunnels
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
Secretary	Sarah Adams
Margie Thielen	
Travis Small	
Chris Vitera	
Chara Ragland	
Bruce Freeman	
Doug Slack	

The board agreed to address the issue of multiple deed restrictions, with Phase one restrictions expiring in 2001.

Year-by-year History: 2001

Board of Directors

President	Doug Slack
Secretary	Chara Ragland
Treasurer	Travis Small
Sarah Adams	
Bruce Freeman	
Ian Hamilton	
Nancy Street	
Kay Youngblood	

Ian Hamilton, Bruce Freeman and Nancy Street were named to a Board committee to compare the four sets of deed restrictions and propose a new, unified standard. The committee's new deed restrictions were mailed to residents in Phase 1 to sign and return, as those deed restrictions were expiring. After follow-up visits to residents' homes to collect signatures, 88% of Phase I residents approved the new deed restrictions. Several homeowners were in transition which prevented a larger approval rate. The deed restrictions were recorded at the Brazos County Clerk's office on November 20, 2001. Efforts then began to collect signatures from Phases 2, 3, and 4.

For the first time, newsletters were sent via email to residents with email access. Plans were discussed to develop a Foxfire web site.

Year-by-year History: 2002

President	Doug Slack
Secretary	Chara Ragland
Treasurer	Travis Small
Bruce Freeman	
Ian Hamilton	
Kay Youngblood	
Bob Brick	
Pam Schneider	
Jim Stribling	

All residents in Phases 2, 3, and 4 were contacted to approve the revised deed restrictions unifying Foxfire under one set of covenants. A majority of residents in all three phases signed the approval document. An attorney was consulted to assure that the deed restrictions were valid and properly filed.

Some dead trees were removed from the triangle.

Members were alerted twice about rabid skunks found in Foxfire.

Year-by-year History: 2003

President	Bob Brick
Secretary	Pam Schneider
Treasurer	John Thomas
Tom Edrington	
Chara Ragland	
Jim Stribling	
Christine Williams	
Raby Womack	
Kay Youngblood	

After almost thirty years of neglect, renovation of the triangle topped the list of projects. Under the guidance and support of Alan King, landscape architect and Foxfire resident, residents participated in two work days at the triangle to clean and clear brush and then to plant and landscape the area. Residents were asked to bring plants for the triangle.

A Halloween party for kids was held on the Ferguson cul de sac. Light rain dampened “spirits,” but fun was had by all.

Year-by-year History: 2004

Board of Directors

President	Dennis Christiansen
V. President	Jon Bond
Secretary	Bob Brick
Treasurer	Pam Schneider
	Tom Edrington
	John Thomas
	Jim Stribling
	Christine Williams
	David George

A major event was the debut of the Foxfire web site in June. Perhaps the first and only homeowners association web site in the community, it serves as a communication tool for residents and a source of information for realtors and anyone interested in making Foxfire their home.

Board members devoted many hours to revising and updating the association bylaws and deed restrictions.

Two plant swaps, one in the spring and one in the fall, brought plant enthusiasts together in spite of rain on both occasions.

A homeowners association Halloween party on Ferguson Circle for little Foxfire goblins brought families together in a safe environment.

Year-by-year History: 2005

Board of Directors

President	Rex Sanders
V. President	Dana Albrecht
Secretary	Helen Phillips
Treasurer	David George
	Tom Edrington
	John Thomas
	Christine Williams
	Jon Bond
	Dennis Christiansen

This was one of the busiest years in the history of the homeowners association due to two factors:

1. Revision of the Foxfire deed restrictions and bylaws was chaired by board member Christine Williams, a process that stretched over three years. Her committee and the full board devoted long and tedious hours to the goal of updating the two documents to complement each other and to reduce ambiguity in the prior outdated documents. An attorney reviewed the documents and made recommendations. The proposed final documents were mailed to homeowners in late October. By mid-December, only one resident had responded with comments. The documents were submitted for member approval at the January 23, 2006 annual meeting.
2. A rezoning request for a plot of land at the corner of Sebesta Road and the Highway 6 northbound access road had dramatic implications for Foxfire, primarily due to traffic concerns. Fears that commercial development would cause customers to cut through Foxfire and other neighborhoods led to the formation of an East Side Neighborhood Coalition. Chaired by Patricia Klein, a resident of the Wood Creek subdivision, a committee of representatives from all impacted neighborhoods met regularly for many months to develop guidelines for the developers to incorporate into their plans. Foxfire vice president Dana Albrecht represented Foxfire on this committee, and board member Dennis Christiansen played a major role in assessing the traffic issues. Residents signed petitions that required both the College Station City Council and its Planning and Zoning board to pass any motions related to the rezoning with a "super majority." The committee and the developers compromised on a plan that was acceptable to both groups. However, city traffic planners did not mitigate the traffic issues to the satisfaction of the east side homeowners. The proposal was pulled from city

agendas until the traffic concerns were alleviated. Resolution is expected in 2006.

Two plant swaps, one in the spring and one in the fall, brought plant enthusiasts together.

Year-by-year History: 2006

Board of Directors

President	Steve Searcy
V. President	Dana Albrecht
Secretary	Helen Phillips
Treasurer	David George
	Rex Sanders
	Jon Bond
	Dennis Christiansen
	MaxAnne Jones
	Patsy Deere

Architectural Control Committee

Bonnie Byram
Gerald Frye
Bob Leland

- Revisions of the Foxfire deed restrictions and bylaws were submitted for member approval at the January 23, 2006 annual meeting. A majority of property owners approved both documents. For the first time in the history of the association, all residents fall under the same deed restrictions and bylaws. The board made frequent reference to the two documents to abide by the new provisions.
- Rezoning of land at the corner of Sebesta Road and the Highway 6 access road and the resulting impact of traffic from commercialization continued to be a major concern. A report of these issues can be found in the 2005 report. After much negotiating between the east side homeowners associations (including Foxfire) and the developers, a compromise plan, including traffic mitigation, was expected to be approved by the city council in 2006. However, the developers did not resubmit the proposal to the council.
- Instead, the same developers brought a proposal to city council to rezone the southeast corner of Rock Prairie Road and Highway 6 for the purpose of building a Super Wal-Mart. The same association of east side neighborhoods that had been active in 2006 continued to strategize to oppose the rezoning. On July 20, 2006, the city council met in the College Station ISD high school auditorium to consider the proposal. A marathon meeting that lasted into the wee hours of the morning included many east side residents speaking about the proposal. Most were against the rezoning. The city council voted 4-3 to deny the rezoning proposal, primarily because traffic issues had not been fully considered.
- Two plant swaps were held at the triangle, continuing a happy tradition.

Year-by-year History: 2007

Board of Directors

President	Steve Searcy
V. President	Dana Albrecht
Secretary	Helen Phillips
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
	Rex Sanders
	MaxAnne Jones
	Katey Fink
	Jacqueline Gramann
	Toby Sledge

Architectural Control Committee

Chara Ragland
Gerald Frye
Bob Leland

- Rezoning of land at the corner of Rock Prairie and Highway 6 and the resulting impact of traffic from commercialization continued to be a major concern. In the fall, just before new traffic ordinances were to go into effect, Weingarten Realty submitted a new proposal to develop the land using current zoning ordinances. Again, the homeowners associations on the east side are keeping due diligence on that area.
- Because of the intense interest in city council's role in rezoning and neighborhood integrity, the Association sponsored a candidate's forum on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Council candidates answered questions from the audience, with each candidate having equal time to answer and respond. Approximately 100 residents attended the forum.
- The city authorized a traffic study of the east side in response to the traffic issues related to the Rock Prairie and Highway 6 corner. Residents were encouraged to come to a series of meetings to provide input on traffic remedies.
- About 80 men, women and children (plus 6 or so dogs) celebrated at the first Foxfire 4th of July. Blanche Brick organized the event to include a parade of walkers, wagon riders, bikers, and trikers around the triangle. Children posted the flag followed by the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem. The Declaration of Independence was presented and posted on a triangle tree. Cookies, lemonade and neighborly conversation ended the festivities.

- A spring plant swap at the triangle was followed by a fall neighborhood social at the triangle. Liz Crompton and Wayne Williams continued their tradition of hosting these events.
- Bob and Blanche Brick hosted a Foxfire Christmas Open House.

Year-by-year History: 2008

Board of Directors

President	MaxAnne Jones
V. President	Dwayne Walters
Secretary	Sarah Adams
Treasurer	Patsy Deere
	Katey Fink
	Jacqueline Gramann
	Toby Sledge
	Steve Searcy
	Doni Roper

Architectural Control Committee

Chara Ragland
Dick Creger
Bob Leland

- Rezoning of land at the corner of Rock Prairie and Highway 6 and the resulting impact of traffic from commercialization continued to be a major concern. Again, the homeowners associations on the east side are keeping due diligence on that area.
- A neighborhood social held at the triangle in March allowed residents to enjoy talking with their neighbors.
- Because of the popularity of last year's candidate's forum and the continuing intense interest in city council's role in rezoning and neighborhood integrity, the Association sponsored a candidate's forum on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Council candidates answered questions from the audience, with each candidate having equal time to answer and respond. Approximately 100 residents attended the forum.
- About 90 folks from Foxfire and Wood Creek celebrated at the second annual Foxfire 4th of July parade. Blanche Brick and family organized the event which was featured in a huge photo on the front page of the second section of the Eagle and a second photo several pages later. Andrew Noack led the pledge of allegiance. The Declaration of Independence was presented and posted on the Liberty Tree in the triangle. Parade participants (kids, adults, dogs) sporting red, white and blue costumes, apparel and decorations looped the triangle three times before enjoying cookies, lemonade and neighborly conversation.

- The Board of Directors called a special meeting of the Foxfire Homeowners Association to consider changing items in the bylaws. As currently stated, proposed bylaws changes must be read at one meeting with resident voting at a follow-up meeting.

Changes requested by the Board include the following:

1. A specific date will be established after which dues will be considered delinquent.
2. A 'member' is a property owner(s) of one or more lots who has no delinquent dues. Property owners who are delinquent in their dues will be denied the benefits of membership. Property owners who pay all delinquent dues will be reinstated to membership.
3. Proposed changes to the Bylaws must be sent electronically or in hard copy to each Association member and be placed on the Association's Web page or other publically available information site where the Association's business is available at least one month before the meeting at which the proposed changes will be put to the membership for a vote. The Bylaws may be changed by a majority vote of members in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the Association's membership.

The Board also proposed a motion that would establish dues at \$25 for 2009. Delinquent dues would be \$35.

Foxfire residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes at the 2009 annual meeting in January.

Year-by-year History: 2009

Board of Directors

President	Sarah Adams
V. President	Jacqueline Gramann
Secretary	Katey Fink
Treasurer	Kimberly McAdams
	Bonnie Rigelsky
	Toby Sledge
	Bob Brandon
	Doni Roper
	Dwayne Walters

Architectural Control Committee

Chara Ragland
Dick Creger
MaxAnne Jones

The annual meeting of the Foxfire Homeowners Association was held Monday, January 26, 2009. Major business included approval of changes in the bylaws. Changes are listed below:

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vote of members in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the Association's membership.

Members passed a motion that would establish dues at \$25 for 2009. A delinquent dues date of May 15 was established. Dues paid after that time will be \$35.

Other activities of 2009:

- Much discussion centered on the burgeoning deer population.
- The Entrance Sign Committee, chaired by Sarah Adams, worked closely with the board to approve a final design and discuss getting bids to demolish the old sign.
- We created a “welcome packet” for new Foxfire residents. Dwayne Walters took the packet to new residents.
- Various board and ACC members have attended neighborhood coalition meetings and city presentations such as the Bike, Pedestrian and Greenways meetings, Seminar Suppers and some Planning and Zoning and City Council meetings.
- Stacy Gunnels was appointed to the open board position expiring at the 2010 annual meeting (Toby Sledge resigned).
- In August board members met with College Station staff members Barbara Moore, Neighborhood Services, Lindsay Kramer, Planning, and Vanessa Garza, Greenways. Lindsay Kramer re-explained the zoning overlay process to us and it is complex. We’ll continue to look into it but were not prepared to move forward on it this year. An overlay application requires signatures of 50% plus 1 of the total property owners in the proposed district and the rezoning fee is \$835.
- At the same meeting, Barbara Moore explained matching fund grants and Vanessa Garza explained planned combination of the Greenways master plan and the Bike/Pedestrian master plan which will cover trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and greenways. As the plan stands now the Gulf States Utility Easement is only a trail, not a road. There was a bond election in 2008 so there won’t be any funding again for 7 years.

- We continued to have the mowing done by Elaine Cartwright (cost was \$700 in 2008 and \$620 in 2009).
- Foxfire sponsored a Candidates Forum for both city council and school board candidates in April; thanks to Blanche Brick and Chara Ragland who set it up.
- Blanche Brick coordinated a 4th of July parade and patriotic activities.
- Kimberly McAdams coordinated a National Night Out activity in October.
- We ordered reusable signs to post for our annual meeting. The date was left blank, and we will insert it each year. The metal holders were salvaged from the red light camera signs which we collected and stored.