

September 20th, 2005 at Crossroads Methodist Church

Bob Brooks started the meeting at 7:10 PM. He announced the board members.

Bob stated that we are a recognized neighborhood and announced Mark Hopkinson so he could begin the Neighborhood Watch segment.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Sergeant Betty Crump then spoke on the neighborhood watch. She passed out a PowerPoint presentation printout about the neighborhood watch. The watch has been around since 1972. It is to deter or reduce criminal behavior through education, awareness, and knowing neighbors. A chair person, block captains and the police work together.

Chair person – liaison between neighborhood and police dept. through meetings and program coordination. He or she will communicate with block captains and announce information from the police. Laurel Park is in the Charlie District – approx 20 officers in this district with 4 sergeants and a captain.

Block captain – volunteer that pays attention to what is happening on his/her street or block.

- What is required? At least 75% participation in the neighborhood watch. More people who are committed then the more successful the program is.
- There are standard neighborhood watch signs which cost \$50 a piece. The homeowners decide where to place signs so they are visible. Sgt. Crump has forms we would need.
- If there is a crime or emergency, call the police. The watch does not allow citizens to carry out the law. Do not attempt to carry out street justice. And try to avoid a citizen arrest. Do not put yourself in danger at any time.

Some Ideas...

- Occasionally put in crime prevention tips and holiday safety in the newsletter.
- Participate in National Night Out. This is a yearly where residents turn on porch lights and get together with neighbors. This falls under FEMA and started after the 9/11 attacks.
- Problem solve by working with the police
- Have post crime prevention programs.

Sgt. Crump will leave forms and information with Mark Hopkinson.

A resident who lives on Montgrove Place spoke of her lighting being changed, lawn ornaments being moved, water faucets being turned on, and a broken skateboard being placed under the wheels of a neighbor's vehicle. She asked the police officers what can be done. Sgt. Crump said to call the police. Also, as a parent, be responsible for your children especially those under the age of 18 and correct the situation so that you do not find yourself liable.

Then a resident stated that in Cobblestone there are slats broken out of gazebo, then there are skate boarders on the tennis courts. There were signs that state no skate boarding on the tennis courts, but they are now missing.

It is difficult to catch who is doing this, but call the police and let them know what is going on. If you see the person or persons, please give the best description that you can. Children can be taken to court and charged and parents can be responsible for damages. There currently is no curfew for children.

A question was asked, "How many neighborhoods have watches and how effective are they." Currently there are 20 neighborhood watches in the City which were formed in the last 8 years. Out of those 20, 11 are recognized neighborhoods and stay pretty active.

For non-emergency call 704-920-5580

Bob Brooks – Until the Farm at River Pointe is developed with 900 homes we will be the 2nd largest community in the county. The first largest is Moss Creek.

GEORGE W LYLES PARKWAY

They are working on finishing up the work needed to be done in front of Laurel View. We were suppose to be able to go North on Thursday, but it will not be ready. It will be a 2 lane road and should be open from Weddington to Poplar Tent. This is a 2 year project. They do not have to be done until July 1st of 2006. The assumption is that it will be open to through traffic. There is an issue with people cutting through our plan. There were over 200 tickets written for traffic violations in our plan and many were to residents.

NEW AMENITIES

The latest date for the club house is that it may be ready around Thanksgiving, but William Niblock will not be able to set a date. It will hopefully be done in time for a Christmas Party, but other arrangements should be made just in case. There will be tables and chairs for 100 people, a fireplace up front, and rocking chairs on 2 porches. There is a replica at Porter's Landing. There will be a main hall (around 46x42), full kitchen, bathroom, and storage.

EXISTING POOL

This will remain open. There are issues with the bottom of the pool. The board is dealing with that and we will be getting an estimate. Niblock Development stated that they will cover 50% of the cost. The residents feel that Niblock Development should cover the entire cost. Bob stated that we will work on seeing if they will cover more of the costs.

COMMITTEES – The Chair for each committee was announced.

Directory – Cobblestone has its own directory.

POND

There is an issue with pond with algae. One issue is that the pond water is used for irrigation, but it will be switched over to be run from the well. Treatments have been done on the pond to help with the algae. In the middle of the pond there is a fountain. Being a recognized neighborhood, we are entitled to grant money. Under the assumption from information from last years home owners meeting, there is interest to have the

fountain lit. The form has been submitted to get grant money to do this. An estimate to do this is \$4,000 of which the city will cover half. The maximum paid out in a year is \$3,000. Residents want to make sure that the algae is cleaned up before the fountain is lit. There was also a suggestion to light the entranceway. The front entrance will need to be addressed when the road is completed and we can submit a form for the grant money for this next year. At earliest, we will know on the 13th of October if we got the grant.

The well does hold enough water to irrigate the community. Algae were building up in the irrigation lines. The well will irrigate the common areas so we do not need to worry about what chemicals are used.

- What can be done about the Geese? This will have to be looked more into.
- The lighting of the pond is for the grant. If we do not take it, this could look bad next time.
- Use grant money to beautify common area around Torrington – another option for next year's grant money.

There was a motion made to use grant money if approved for the pond lighting. And it was seconded. The pond will be cleaned first. Financially, there is enough money to cover this.

The woman from Montgrove who spoke earlier – wants Niblock to cover all of the costs of the resurfacing of the pool. Bob and Mark asked for the residents to give the board a chance to work out some of these issues.

All in favor of using the grant money to light the fountain please raise right hand, then all opposed – the motion carried.

Ryan Homes section – currently the common areas just have the grass cut.

Pool – The board is committed to have the pool resurfaced this winter. (Before the new pool year.)

FINANCIALS

Ken Henderson – First of all there are forms for the directory for those who have moved into the neighborhood. Please fill these out and get it back in. There was a suggestion to mail this form with pool keys.

Surplus funds remain. With new pool and clubhouse, expenses are not yet to be determined. The board with input from the community is looking to improve the community and looking to create reserves for future expenses.

We have the funds but we want to make sure that we do not spend everything. We need reserves for unanticipated expenses.

The social committee chair stated that \$160 per year for social committee is not enough. Answer: That number was just showing the money requested and paid out. The board will allocate funds needed by request.

We have expenses, but no additional revenue until January. There are new items that will need to be budgeted.

DEVELOPMENT

Beazer Homes off of George Lyles. It will begin when road opens. There will be approximately 75 homes in the \$250,000 and up price range. It does not have access to our entrance. There is a land between our entrance and the Beazer community that someone else owns.

Niblock Development – 1st part being worked on is Cobblestone. Originally there were to be 68 homes now there will be 82 new homes. Then across old speedway, they will not be getting into building this year. They are working on the current development area. Vehicles should not be crossing into construction area
How much longer for grading of new Cobblestone? – They are looking to start building in late October or early November.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

What is a street light is out? Keith Fitch is our liaison to the City. Christina Evers with Herman Management will no longer be management our community due to family reasons, so Kevin Herman or Chris will be assisting. You can deal with them first.

Old Speedway will be widened, but not until we have adequate entrance from the front.

Should we meet twice a year? Yes

What about installing speed bumps? Overwhelmingly the homeowners do not want these. Police will help us control the traffic and it will cut down once George Lyles opens.

Will there be a traffic light at end of Old Speedway? We do not have a definite answer, but probably not. As an alternative, make a right on Sara then a left at the end of that road and it will take you to the traffic light on Poplar Tent.

Test Track – will not be off of Concord Farms. Concord Farms is being widened, though.

What is the capacity of clubhouse (asked by the social chair)? It is unknown. There will be table and chairs for 100 people so maybe a couple hundred?

There was a comment that the main path coming in from Old Speedway is bad. Cars are speeding and not stopping at stop signs. Can Keith Fitch check to see if there can be a warning around the speed sign put up?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cobblestone will be having a separate meeting end of October or the beginning of November to review landscaping.

Keith Fitch – There is a litter control program happening this Saturday. It occurs twice a year and the city encourages neighborhoods to clean up an area. Residents will meet at 9:00 AM at the parking lot in front of the pool. At that time they will decide what will need to be cleaned. Bags, gloves, and vests will be provided. Fire trucks will be there. Possibly pick up entrance, pond, and/or old speedway.

RYAN COMMON AREA

1. This was a different developer than Niblock Development. There are dead trees in the common area that will need to be removed. We went from having a lot of rain to little rain. Water bags can be placed on these trees to keep them watered. The immediate concerns are being addressed.
2. How can the areas be improved? We would like to hear from residents in Ryan as to what they would like to see done. Maybe gazebo with flowers. Irrigation will need to be addressed.
3. The budgeted amount for maintenance will need to be budgeted.
4. Ridgeline development intended for this area to be a natural area with the grass kept cut.

What can be done with the common areas in Ryan? Please turn in suggestions to Mark Hopkinson.

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There are trees in the right of way that have been damaged. We are working with the city to determine who will ultimately be responsible for replacing these trees. Right now it is the HOA and it will be taken care of soon (when the weather cools off).

The proposed 2006 budget needs to be ready in December, which will be released in the newsletter.

Scott Wauters – They are looking for a competition committee for the swim team. The conference that the country club is in currently has a spot open for a team. Contact Scott Wauters if interested.

There are committee signup sheets on the table on your way out if you are interested in joining a committee.

Sherise, chair of the social committee has a few announcements.

1. Ice Cream Social is Sunday at 1 PM
2. In October the Halloween Phantom will start again. If you do not wish to participate, please hand a plain white piece of paper in your window.
3. Halloween weekend there will be a parade.
4. If you are interested on getting of the social committee email list, please send Sherise an email.
5. Holiday Party – the Country Club is booked. If there are any suggestions, please let Sherise know.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 9 PM