

Hemingway Village Civic Association Meeting – March 24, 2010, 7:00 PM Dublin Mayor's Court

Minutes

1. Roll Call: 8 homes were represented. Officers in attendance were Steve Stidhem, Mitch Coffman, and Andy Powers. We have a quorum.
2. Review of minutes: Andy Powers conducted a review of the minutes from the January 6, 2010 meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: Current report was not available. As of January 6, 2010 we had a \$1711.75 balance in the account. Steve Stidhem relayed that Steve Friday has resigned as Treasurer effective immediately and the Officers are currently looking for a replacement. Steve Friday will hand over books and responsibilities as soon as a new Treasurer can be identified. Steve Friday relayed through Steve Stidhem that only \$100 have been collected in current year dues thus far. \$400 has been estimated to finish the entry irrigation project but it is unclear if this estimate included licensing fees. Steve Stidhem will follow up with Steve Friday to clarify this.
4. Officer and Position reports:
 - a. President's remarks:
 - i. Steve Stidhem discussed recent City of Dublin budget performance, the positive results of a recent, third party survey of Dublin residents in which Dublin was rated the best place to live, and that Dublin is a Smart City finalist
 - ii. Steve relayed that there is an online neighborhood resident directory available through the website but that you must log in to the website to access it.
 - iii. Steve introduced Tom Hirschy, the City of Dublin's Emergency Management and Law Enforcement Planner. Tom Hirschy discussed:
 1. Severe weather/tornado preparedness.
 2. Home disaster preparedness- types and quantities of materials to keep in home emergency kits.
 3. A review of Hemingway Village crime statistics from January 1, 2009 through March 23, 2010. Mr. Hirschy relayed the Hemingway Village has a very low crime rate with only 13 reported crimes in this 14 month period.
 - a. There were 6 reports of thefts from vehicles, 4 reports of vandalism, 2 reports of burglary/breaking and entering, and 1 report of other larceny.
 - b. Of the car theft incidents, it is important to note that 3 were unlocked vehicles and 2 had no signs of forced entry. All 6 thefts were caused by a valuable item in plain sight (laptop, GPS, iPod,

etc.). Mr. Hirschy stated it is important to lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

- c. Both burglary/breaking and entering incidents involved entry into the house through open garage doors. Mr. Hirschy stated it is a good idea to keep garage doors closed when you are not in the immediate area or using your garage.
 - d. As far as vandalism is concerned, although only 4 incidents occurred where a police report was filed, 20 other incidents of vandalism occurred in the neighborhood where no report was filed. Most incidents involved egging, damage to Christmas lights, and damage to a vehicle.
 - e. Mr. Hirschy concluded by asking residents to promptly report any crimes or suspicious activities you may witness.
- b. Vice President's remarks:
- i. Mitch Coffman relayed that average dues collection in past years has only been about 56% of homes.
- c. Village Coordinator:
- i. Susan Noffzinger stated she had contacted all 5 phase coordinators and confirmed they will continue duties this year. Susan attempted to contact the 33 block captains; of which, 9 confirmed continuing duties this year, 8 declined to serve as block captains this year, and 16 have not responded. Susan relayed the block captain roster needs to be checked for currency as some Block Captains have moved out of the neighborhood.
 - ii. Phase coordinators will keep new neighbor welcome packets and distribute them to the block captains when needed.
 - iii. Phase coordinators and block captains will try to update neighborhood resident information in conjunction with annual dues collection initiatives.
 - iv. The Association needs to send out an Association wide email prior to this year's dues collection drive to notify residents that block captains will be assisting with dues collection.
- d. Activities Coordinator:
- i. Jo Coffman asked about interest in holding a neighborhood golf outing, possibly at the Golf Club of Dublin.
 - ii. Jo discussed potentially holding "patios & porches" informal gatherings around the neighborhood as a way to build community.
 - iii. A coordinator for the garage sale needs to be identified. Steve Stidhem indicated he will find someone to be the garage sale point of contact.

- iv. We need to continue to brainstorm self supporting activity ideas for the neighborhood.

5. Activity and Project Updates:

- a. New member packets. Steve Stidhem passed out a sample new neighbor welcome form developed by Matt Stroop. Some discussion of the form included adding a listing of local contractors for various services as well as creating and adding an informational email box such as info@hemingway.org for visitors to submit information requests.
- b. Front Entryway:
 - i. The shamrocks placed in the entryway for St. Patrick's Day were very well received.
 - ii. Jamie Greenfield relayed there are several lights burned out around the entryway. Steve Stidhem will contact Steve Friday to see if he has any replacement bulbs on hand.
 - iii. Jamie also stated we need to get a good idea what is currently planted where in the entryway.
 - iv. Jamie is currently working with the City of Dublin's landscape architect to determine future needs based on space size.
 - v. Jamie asked about potential availability of Association funds to acquire new plants and also raised the idea of getting perennials from neighborhood residents when they thin out their flower beds at home.
 - vi. Once a plan is developed, Jamie will send out an email through Steve Stidhem asking for resident help with planting and maintenance of the entryway and directing residents to the forum on the website.
 - vii. There was general discussion the front entryway needs at least a general weeding and new mulch before the Memorial Tournament in late the May/early June timeframe.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Website maintenance.
 - i. Steve Stidhem stated he still needs to continue to work with Derrick Ochs on some transition of the website maintenance.
 - ii. John Livorno suggested we need to add more draws to the website to build attractiveness to residents.
 - iii. Rich Hesch suggested we add a country store aspect such as an, "I have tools to lend/I need to borrow a tool" feature. There was discussion that a mechanism for this is already in place in the "forums" section of the website. Further discussion

led to the need to post the forum feature in a more prominent location on the website.

- b. Front entryway irrigation system.
 - i. The irrigation license still needs to be signed and recorded with the Franklin County Clerk of Courts.
 - ii. John Livorno volunteered to modify the license to include the correct officers' names and to file the license with the County to avoid further legal fees. Andy Powers will provide the documents to John Livorno.
 - iii. There was discussion that we need to be cautious with budgeting estimates for recurring watering costs once the irrigation system is completed.

7. New Business:

- a. Andy Powers presented two proposals for by-law/constitution amendment regarding modifying the trustee and officer positions and responsibilities. John Livorno stated we need to research any potential deed restrictions before taking action on the amendments. These amendments will be posted on the website before the next meeting once the deed restriction research is completed.

8. Open discussion:

- a. Jamie Greenfield asked about the possibility of creating a Hemingway Village Face Book page.
- b. John Livorno asked about developing current neighborhood demographics to ensure the activities we pursue are appropriate to the residents. It was determined this could be done but would be a long and tedious process. Some data could be gathered from the Franklin County Auditor's website.
- c. Mary Ann Keefer expressed concern that not all block captains know who their phase coordinators are. The suggestion was made that we include this information on the website.
- d. Mary Ann also suggested we include a reply card for block captains to hand out in conjunction with dues collections as a way to poll residents for interest in the activities we are pursuing and to solicit new activity ideas. There was other discussion about adding a referral to the website to the reply card or including a separate website referral letter directing residents to the website for block captains to hand out.
- e. Steve Stidhem mentioned that having block captains assist with dues collection in the warm weather months is a good way to help the association make connections with residents.
- f. There was general discussion and consensus among meeting participants that the new treasurer and replacement block captains need to be identified prior to kicking off the dues collection drive.

9. Date of next meeting: Thursday, June 24th, 2010, 7:00pm at the Dublin Recreation Center (tentative location).

10. Adjournment – Approximately 8:55 PM.