

**South Pocket Homeowners Association
Board Minutes
February 9, 2009**

Attendees:

Don Bryant, treasurer
Sabra Sanchez, secretary
Gina Ledesma, membership director
John Caffrey, Marriott Park liaison
Greg Hatfield, Area 2 Representative
Ken Giese, architectural review
Sue Ruiz, newsletter editor
Ryan Chin, neighborhood watch

Treasurer's Report

Don Bryant, office of the President and treasurer, presented a budget pro-forma for 2009.

Projected expenses - \$7015 vs. expenditures in 2008 of \$7339 (148 members)
39% - Safety & Beautification
38% - Communication
29% - 4 Events
4% - Miscellaneous
Projected revenue - \$5800 (145 members projected)

The Board brainstormed ideas for possible extra revenue. They include the following:

- Ads in membership directory
- Business directory section of the membership directory
- Dues increase of \$5-\$10
- Home remodeling tour
- Charge title companies for copies of CC & R's
- Note and solicit non-returning members
- Note and solicit residents who have never been members
- Yard signs noting membership drive
- Event sign-ins to identify interested neighbors but non-members

Greg Hatfield moved that preliminary budget be accepted and that the response to the membership drive be reviewed at the March meeting to determine the need for additional fundraising or budget cuts. Ken Giese seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Membership Drive

Forty (40) households have paid their 2009 dues to date.

Sabra will assist Gina in securing a list of new homeowners in the SPHA area so that these folks may receive a welcome package and be included in the membership drive.

General Membership Meeting

Greg Hatfield moved and Sabra seconded a motion to combine the scheduled March 9 General Membership meeting with the March 5 Neighborhood Watch event. A brief general

membership meeting will include an update on financials, membership drive and calendar of upcoming events. Sabra will make a brief membership pitch in Gina's absence.

Annual Calendar Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Sandra Peck has agreed to chair the Easter Egg Hunt and 4 other residences have joined her committee. Kent Kaus, new neighbor at 1200 Cedarbrook will dress up as the Easter Bunny.
- **National Night Out** – Tabled from the February meeting, the topic of National Night Out was discussed. It was agreed that this was a good event that should be continued in 2009. We should have more hotdogs and beverages. Greg will solicit the same food vendors for donations such as salad, pizza, etc.

Vacant Board Positions

- The Board discussed raising the level of the current committee chairs serving as Neighborhood Watch Captain and Park Liaison to Board positions. They would actually sit in the current Members-At-Large Board chairs. To that end, Greg Hatfield moved and Ken Giese seconded a motion to nominate John Caffrey, currently volunteering his services as Park Liaison/Coordinator, and Ryan Chin, currently volunteering as Neighborhood Watch Captain, to the slate of officers for the Member-At-Large positions. The full slate will be presented in the 2nd Quarter. Present Board members unanimously passed the motion.
- In other Board business, Don, Ken & Gina will review and purge the SPHA archives of unnecessary documents that were forwarded from past presidents.

Other Issues

- Overgrown Tree In Vacant Lot (Northeast corner of Grand River & El Douro). Sabra has contacted the real estate agent who is handling the sale of this property. The owner is in the Philippines and the daughter with whom he has contact is in Canada. They have not been amenable to pruning the tree and scrub on the property, but he would like to have this done as well and will make every effort to get their agreement.
- The City Council will be taking up the topic of FRWA's request for extended work hours at the meeting on 2/17/09. All neighbors are encouraged to assist in the preparation for the presentation. Neighbors who sign up to speak at City Council will meet on 2/12 to plan and organize a cohesive presentation and all neighbors are encouraged to attend the City Council meeting to support those who do speak. Board Members Don Bryant and Greg Hatfield as well as Past President Mary McDonald will represent the SPHA Board.

Next Meeting Dates

- March 5 – Joint General Membership Meeting & Neighborhood Watch Community meeting at Bergamo School. Neighborhood Watch Captain Ryan Chin has prepared a flyer to publicize the meeting. Representatives from the City Neighborhood Watch coordinators office will be in attendance for area crime updates and neighborhood watch strategies.
- April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)