



Sunset West Maintenance Association

February 19, 2013 Annual Meeting – 7 pm – WVJH School Library

Call to Order

President Larry Gore called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The 2012 directors were introduced: Larry Gore, president; Jon Ison, vice-president; Karla Griffin, director. Rene' LaCoursier, director, was not able to be present. There were 26 people attending the meeting, including Mona Purcell, Larry and Vikki Gore, Jim and Sherri Moon, Don and Julie Schlaman, Jon and Linda Ison, Larry Simpson, Karla Griffin, Laura Miller, Garrett and Ashley Belles, Clayton and Donna Mazie, Suzanne Richings, Herb Hunt, Greg McGuire, Stephen Barnett, Brooke Turner, Cyndi Campbell, Jameson Green, Nancy Groenig, Lorraine Orwig, Michael Carmichael, and Michael Rosenance,

AUDIT REPORT AND BUDGET REVIEW

The audit committee members for 2012 were Jim and Sherri Moon and Don & Julie Schlaman. The committee members reported that the finances were reviewed in detail and found to be in order.

L Gore summarized the expenses for 2012 and the estimated expenses for 2013. One new line item is \$300 to purchase QuickBooks to move the association's finance to an automated system.

Expenses for 2012 did not include **arborvitae**-topping or shearing or replanting. This will need to be completed this year. **Clean up and spray for the perimeter** amounted to \$1202.

Insurance remained at \$266. **Lawn mowing** was under-budget at \$1126.48. **Miscellaneous expenses** included the door prizes for tonight's meeting, the block sale ads, and the state filing fee, totaling \$84.99. **Office supplies** were slightly over the budgeted amount at \$136.44. **Postage** was \$92.40 and **Repairs and Maintenance** were \$92.40. The **secretary** remained at \$600. **Snow removal** was \$270. It is

hoped that there will not be any further expenses this year. **Spraying of the greenways** twice amounted to \$379.20. **Taxes** were \$45.00 and **water** was \$2,106.70. Mona noted that the drip system is beginning to age and may need to be replaced in a few years.

The total expenses amounted to \$6,751.76.

Because there were no funds spent on the arbs, this was significantly under the budgeted amount of \$8,940.00.

Anticipated income for 2013 is \$8,245.00.



Everyone is reminded that there is a late fee of \$25 for payments received after 30 days of receipt of your bill. ☺

The annual Block Sale will be held on May 18 from 8 – 2 pm. Please plan to participate. Email Vikki with questions.

Thank You SECRETARY

Mona Purcell announced that she is stepping down as secretary. Vikki Gore has agreed to serve in this position. *Mona was thanked for her 21 years of service to the association.*

NEW BUSINESS

Arborvitae and bugs: Laura Miller reported bugs in the arborvitae causing issues with her garden. It was asked if the association can alternate spraying for bugs with trimming the arbs. **Action:** The directors will consider this issue at their upcoming meeting. The specific insect will need to be identified.

Neighborhood issues: Issues with a neighbor were voiced by several homeowners living adjacent to the home. Several of the issues are possible housing code violations as well as noise issues. **Action:** Guest police officer Jaime Gonzalez reminded homeowners that issues should be reported to the Yakima Police Department for tracking purposes.

Block Watch Program

Officer Jaime Gonzalez from the Yakima Police Department was present to give an overview of a neighborhood block watch program. Office Gonzalez referenced the website, www.crimereports.com. This is a public site showing all crime reported in a focused area. The report for the SWMA was reviewed.

An overview of the crime in the city of Yakima was reviewed for 2012, including over 1600 burglaries and 1200 car prowls/thefts. One way to help combat this would include a block watch program. Sixty percent of burglaries occurred when a garage door was left open. Seventy percent of the burglaries occur in the daytime, Monday-Wednesday. Most suspects in our neighborhood are white males in their 20's on meth.

Office Gonzalez encouraged everyone to look at ways to make it harder to get into your home. Glazing windows is a system that allows light in but does not let people see into your home. Have strong exterior doors and consider a bolt lock on the front door. Exterior lighting is also important and should be a constant lighting source, not motion activated. Individuals can notify the policy when leaving for vacation; however, there is no guarantee that the police will drive by the home. Anyone can participate in Operation ID to engrave your Washington driver's license number on valuable property. An inventory should also be kept with serial numbers and model numbers. Thirty percent of property stolen gets returned but only 5% goes to the owner because the items aren't identifiable.

Therefore, the greatest defense is watchful neighbors. Jon Ison has volunteered to email everyone about 911 calls or other events. Jonison8@charter.net. Officer Gonzalez will provide block watch signs for the neighborhood. Jon Ison will work with Officer Gonzalez on placement of the signs.

Neighbors wanting to participate should acknowledge their participation. A list of homeowners and neighbors in each section of the association will be provided to those participating. Email Jon or Vikki.

Office Gonzalez answered questions from those present, including the right to self-defense. There are no officers at the Middle School or the Junior High. Also discussed was the lack of consequences for many property crimes because of a lack of funding and jail space.

Pamphlets were made available on gangs and the block watch program. Most gang activity in our area is tagging.

Officer Gonzalez noted that August 6 will be the National Night Out. The neighbors can consider participating with a presentation on the greenways.

Barking Dogs

A question on handling barking dogs was raised. Complaints can go to animal control. After three complaints are filed, the owners will be fined.

Directors and Audit Committee for 2013

Two directors are needed for 2013. Volunteers were Mona Purcell and Julie Schlaman.

Audit committee members will be Jim and Sherri Moon, Stephen Barnett, and Don Schlaman.

Door Prizes

At the end of the meeting, two Fred Meyer \$20 gift cards were awarded via a drawing to Garrett Belles and Larry Gore.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

EMAILS NEEDED FOR A NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNICATION



After the meeting adjourned, the directors met. Jon Ison volunteered to coordinate a quarterly email newsletter to the association. Please email Jon if you would like to participate: Jonison8@charter.net.

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Director's Meeting

The directors met at 8:45 pm. Officers for 2013 will be Jon Ison, president; Larry Gore, vice-president; Mona Purcell, secretary; Karla Griffin and Julie Schlaman, directors.

1. Arb insects: An estimate for spraying the insects on the arbs will be sought. J. Schlaman will contact the USDA for traps to provide to Laura Miller. Once the insect is identified, V. Gore will get a quote and the issue will be brought back to the directors for consideration.

2. Newsletter – Jon Ison volunteered to produce a quarterly email newsletter for the association. This will be a good communication tool. One item in the first newsletter will be a reminder to report crime and other issues for sharing with the neighbors.

3. Jon Ison was authorized to work with Officer Gonzalez to place the block watch signs.

4. For the home owner issue discussed, it was agreed to work with Officer Gonzalez on next steps with the police or code enforcement. The group can choose to send a letter to code enforcement about the home.

The director's meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm