

Stonegate Homes Association 2015 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

- Date:** 01/29/15
- Time:** 7:01 p.m.
- Board:** Mark Matousek (President), Joe Kauth (Vice President), Randy Cotter (Treasurer), Ryan Van Nice (Secretary), Karen Becker (Grounds/Maintenance)
- Residents:** Joe Belek, Jim Brann, Lloyd and Susan Karnes, Seth Goeken, Rick Nelson, Blaine Grenell, Lisa and Preston Nelson, Jim Becker, Mike and Judy Robbins, Linda Redford, and Susan Roback (15 total homes represented)

Welcome

Mark Matousek opened the meeting and introduced the board.

2014 Year in Review

Street Trees – The Board was empowered to spend up to \$5000 on street tree shaping and trimming at the 2014 Annual Meeting. A bid from Danny’s Tree Service for \$4000 was accepted, and work began in early March. This improved the appearance of the neighborhood trees significantly.

Grounds – A new landscaping contractor (Aspen) was hired this year. Karen Becker (Grounds/Maintenance) reports that were very easy to work with and did very good work. Several new monument plantings were completed through Aspen, as well as a small retaining wall just north of the western Benson monument. This helped control some soil erosion behind the monument.

We also witnessed Overland Park’s installation of a new trail along the southern border of our subdivision, along 133rd Street.

Website – Joe Kauth (Vice President) directed the creation and maintenance of a new website, www.stonegate-ha.com. This new website is much more modern, functional, and cost effective compared to our previous website.

Social – Several neighborhood social events occurred this year, including “Happy Hours” in various front and backyards, as well as a Bunco group. We look for this trend to continue.

Water – We enjoyed a mild summer this year, and with it a milder water bill. Savings were spread throughout the budget, mostly towards other grounds/maintenance interests.

New Business

Resident Lisa Nelson commended Karen Becker on her work as Ground/Maintenance director, stating that the landscaping looked very good this year, and that the Holiday lighting was nice as well. Lisa also noted that there are some issues with irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. Randy Cotter added that this is a finable offense by the City, while also perfectly legal on the trail (as it’s technically a city park).

Trash Disposal – Randy Cotter also explained that we are entitled to one large item disposal by our waste contractor (Town and Country) per month per property, with appointment. This does not include building materials.

Budget

Despite being authorized to spend up to \$5,000 over budget for the street tree project, the 2014 budget only went over by \$3,100

The proposed 2015 budget simply pulled forwarded the 2014 budget, minus the street tree project funds, for an estimated \$1,100 surplus. This surplus is recommended due to cost uncertainty, especially with regards to water expenditures.

One home has not paid 2014 dues yet – it is vacant and in foreclosure. Previous dues will be paid to us at closing whenever the house is sold.

It was proposed that the budget be amended to reflect a decrease in web hosting costs. The proposed budget included \$100 for web hosting fees. A motion was carried to lower this amount to \$50, allowing the surplus to be spent elsewhere.

The budget, with the web hosting amendment, was approved by voice vote.

Neighborhood Directory – Ryan Van Nice informed the group that a new, updated neighborhood directory is available on the website. The directory is password protected. A resident may receive the password through email with a board member, or through a portal on the website. The directory will continue to be updated as new contact information is received by the board.

Resident Concerns

Jim Brann informed the group that he has been in touch with city councilmen regarding street asphalt improvement. He states that we are scheduled for resurfacing this spring. Jim suggests the board start a dialogue with the City regarding this issue, as he is moving to Florida in the near future.

Lisa Nelson inquired about the website and its functions. The website is currently up and running and serves as a repository for important document, such as by-laws and meeting minutes. She asked if we could make a page for residents to offer services. The group agreed that this would be a welcome addition. Joe will look into this.

Election of Officers

The offices of President and Secretary were up for election, having reached the end of their two-year term. The office of Ground/Maintenance was also available, as Karen Becker resigned as the result of her pending move out of the neighborhood. The following were elected by voice vote:

- President – Rick Nelson
- Secretary – Ryan Van Nice
- Grounds/Maintenance – Mike Robben (one-year term)

Rick Nelson is an original owner in Stonegate, and is new to the board. Ryan Van Nice was re-elected, and Mike Robben returns to the board after a one-year hiatus. We are very pleased to have them join the board, and look forward to working with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.