Cherry Hills Subdivision Newsletter



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Next Meeting

April 8th, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Panera Bread

500 S. National

(on the corner of National and Elm in the Meeting Room)

Welcome Spring!

Minutes from January Meeting:

President Emily Givens called the quarterly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on January 14th, 2014 and determined, per the bylaws, a simple majority present. Ten of the 163 property owners were present. Secretary, Terry Michael was not in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting in October were reviewed and approved.

Brandon reviewed the 12/31/13 financial statement. A discussion was held on whether or not any homeowners had objected to the annual dues being raised. No issues were reported. Some general discussion was held on the current state of property liens for those who have not paid their dues. Brandon discussed that our former Treasurer (Patty Stoner) will do our taxes this year for no charge. Next year, a fee will be applied to complete the return.

A discussion about the entrance re-do was brought to the floor. April agreed to acquire bids from three companies to come and give the subdivision an estimate for the landscaping. These three companies would give us quotes for removing/replacing dead trees and maintaining the area. A property owner asked if our current landscaping company sprays our existing cedar trees in detention areas. Brandon agreed to find out.

No ACC members were present at the meeting, so Emily relayed that the ACC had no issues to report. Dan Reed asked the question of "why is the ACC never at these meetings". He suggested to Emily that the Board fire the ACC. Emily declined. A discussion was then held about the ACC's current situation. Brandon suggested that anyone who had concerns should volunteer

to help out. No volunteers stepped forward. The Board reiterated that they feel the ACC is doing their job and are grateful for the ACC volunteering their time.

A topic was brought up on possibly applying a fine to homeowners who repeatedly do not abide by the current covenants. Dan Reed and Benny Coble requested that the Board start sending out warning letters to those homeowners who do not follow the covenants, then follow through with these fines. A discussion was then had about changing the bylaws to state that a fine will be administered to homeowners who are not following the covenants. After a long discussion, the quorum made a motion to send a letter to all homeowners asking for input on this issue. This letter would detail obvious covenant violations that could potentially earn the homeowner a small fine in the future. It would also inform all homeowners of the potential to change the Bylaws at the April meeting. Pat Byrum seconded the motion.

Since Terry was not present, Emily discussed the current state of Basin #6. Emily discussed that for now it is stable, but more work will need to be done in the future. Pat Byrum wanted to personally thank everyone who helped fix the basin. The issue about the current fencing on Basin #6 was discussed. Brandon agreed to get estimates on fixing the fencing situation.

The floor was opened for any other general needs or concerns. A concern was raised about our current mailman and his lack of care with the mail. There was also a reminder to put out signs a week before all board meetings to remind homeowners.

Motion to adjourn was unanimously seconded and approved at 8:36 p.m.

- I. With the warm weather approaching, this would be a great time to take down your Christmas decorations if you haven't already!
- 2. Hopefully the Polar Vortex is gone for good. But in the event that we should have another snow storm, remember to keep the area in front of your mailbox clean for the postman. After the snow plow comes through the neighborhood there is a significant amount of snow that piles up in front of the mailboxes making it difficult for the postman to deliver the mail. Remember, if there is not a clear path to the mailbox, the postman does not have to deliver.



- 3. One of the neighborhood's ongoing problems is picking up after our pets. With the warm weather approaching, please be considerate of children that will be playing in their yards. We also need to be aware that our neighborhood is close to a wooded area. Deer, coyotes, wild cats and dogs all roam our subdivision at night. This can also be the cause!
- 4. We have had several reports of mail theft in our neighborhood over the past several months. In one case specifically, the Deputy in charge of the investigation told the homeowners that they believe they caught the persons involved in stealing their mail. Please keep a watchful eye on your mail. If you are going to be out of town, it would be a good idea to have your mail stopped or have a neighbor pick it up for you.
- 5. Please be aware that it is against the covenants to park over the sidewalks. There are people in our subdivision that rely on the sidewalks for walking children to the school bus and for navigating the neighborhood in wheelchairs. We are not discriminating against those that have a sidewalk in your driveway, we are just simply asking for you to be mindful of those around you that need the sidewalks.



In the next week or so, weather permitting, we will be starting the process of renovating the front entrance and replacing a few trees

along the storm water basins. We are very excited about this and can't wait to see the transformation!

Thank you to those who took the time to fill out the survey. The feedback was very helpful and will point us in the right direction to making our subdivision a more beautiful and desirable place to live! The results will be discussed at the April 8th meeting!

Please be aware that all violations of Article 9 are fineable at the discretion of the board.

Our current lawn service, Gabris, has increased their fee by approximately \$500/year. After negotiating with Gabris, they would not reduce their pricing. Other bids were taken with local lawn service companies. As a result, we are happy to welcome All Season Lawn and Landscaping to our neighborhood.

They will be mowing all 6 basins and common areas as well as spraying our existing trees. In addition, they will be performing our main entrance renovations. They will be offering Cherry Hills Homeowners discounted rates to mow their lawns. Prices will be a minimum of \$30/lawn. If you have questions, contact Kelly Shuder at 425-4069.

Agenda for April Meeting!

- 1. Approve minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report past due homeowners
- 3. Landscaping/Entrance Renovation/Lawn Service
- 4. Garage Sale
- 5. Survey Results

Please note that this meeting will be held at the Panera Bread on the corner of National and Elm (500 S. National).

A friendly reminder that your H.O.A. dues of \$72.00 were due March 1, 2014. If you haven't paid, please send your payment to: Cherry Hills H.O.A., P.O. Box 10522, Springfield, MO 65808-0522.



Neighborhood Garage Sale!

April 25th & 26th

7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

