

SOUTH MOUNTAIN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes of 8/23/2007

Board Members in Attendance:

Joan Little

Tom Brock

Dick Robinson

Elise Blomer

Ken Murdock

Scott Openshaw

Noel Cantrell

Board Members Not in Attendance

Alan Wheatley

Garry Bond

Lynn Richards

Dick Miller

Minutes of 7/26/2007 were approved

1. Joan reported that the city was still considering our proposal to hold a bulk trash pickup. If it is approved it will be held from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon (Date to be determined). We will still need to provide a guard until Saturday night. If approved we will discuss advertising at the next Board meeting, and if disapproved we need to decide if we should host a substitute event, such as a movie night at the Amphitheater.
2. Scott and Elise reported on plans for increasing our memberships. One idea totally supported by the Board was to give newcomers a welcome basket with information and a sign up sheet for the Association. Many local merchants are willing to donate. It was also suggested that we send a postcard to all residents in our area asking them to sign up if they are not now members. Both of these ideas will be pursued. It was also mentioned that we not give up on a door-to-door campaign which has proven successful in the past.
3. Treasurer's report: Current bank balance - \$14,512. Last month Water Pro neglected to add dues to homeowner's bills so they will double up during the next billing cycle. We have paid one-half of the money to light the Traverse Ridge sign with the total due upon completion.
4. Web site construction is completed at a total cost to date of \$925. Ownership of the site is in Alan Wheatley's name. The web designer has agreed to maintain the site for \$35 per month. When we pay our annual fee we will pay \$100 for ten years.
5. There was discussion about whether we should have a newsletter or not. Joan is not opposed to the idea she just thinks bulk mailing does not work well. It was decided that we should have a newsletter to see how effective it is and to advertise our web site. Scott said it absolutely must contain information of interest to the homeowners. Noel will start to identify information sources and to begin drafting a newsletter. All Board members were told they must provide input to Noel of the latest goings on in their area of responsibility.
6. The weeds continue to take over our planting areas on Rambling Road and the quotes we have for maintenance are too high based on our estimate of the work to be done. However, we have only one estimate of \$250 so we can't make a cost comparison. Dick is to talk to Randal Ralphs to see if he can help us with this project

even if is just getting a team of homeowners together to do it. Joan asked the Board to consider re-doing the area to put down a weed protection barrier in order to reduce maintenance costs. We tried a liquid barrier this Spring with poor results.

7. Dick reported that he and Garry had met with Daryl Sheley who is in charge of sign compliance for the city. He said that no permits are given for signs on any city property unless it is connected with a city event or elections. No signs are to be posted on existing structures or fixtures and must conform to size restrictions. As citizens (see note) we have the right to remove signs in violation, but it might be best if the signs were turned over to him.

8. Ken suggested that the Association take a stand on Trax for Draper as we have in the past on other city issues. Most Board members were uncomfortable with making a decision without more information. Ken was asked to prepare a short e-mail on the issues so that we can make our case before the elections next month.

Next meeting will be September 20th.

Note: the word citizen as used in the context of these minutes is synonymous with the phrase "Private Citizen" thus meaning that the citizen is acting on his own and is not representing any organization although that citizen may be affiliated with an organization.