

# **ANNUAL PARKSIDE OWNER'S MEETING MINUTES**

**January 11, 2006 at the Anacortes Community Theater**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Tom Johnson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. He introduced Board Members Ray Bloom, Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Dofton, and Kirk Kennedy. Rob Huntley arrived a few minutes late and was introduced at that time. The names of the 22 residents attending the meeting are attached to these minutes.

President Tom discussed the following issues that occurred in the past year:

1. A survey was sent out to determine the interest in the installation of secure mailboxes. Sixty-nine percent of those responding were in favor of no change.
2. Cascade Natural Gas installed temporary protection around the pressure reducing station adjacent to the entrance to Westwood. They will install permanent bollards at a later date.
3. Parkside joined as a charter member of a new organization of homeowner associations called Fidalgo Homeowners Group (FHOG). The goal of FHOG to make the member homeowner associations aware of issues that could affect them and to be able to present a united position to elected bodies.
4. The insurance to provide Director's liability as well as general liability for the common areas was switched to a new carrier at a saving of about \$500 per year.
5. A survey was conducted to determine if Parkside residents were interested in upgrading the landscaping at the entrance. While 10 residents or 21% wanted no change, 27 or 57% were willing to pay a special assessment of as much as \$135.
6. A planting party was held November 19, 2005 to place some new trees on the north side of the entrance. Some trees were trimmed as were some trees in the common area between Lots 14, PI and 16 PII.
7. Tom pointed out that the green belt around the perimeter of Parkside is managed as though it is Anacortes Community Forest Lands. As such nothing can be done without their blessing. No trees can be trimmed or cut without their permission. They denied a request to relocate a portion of the perimeter trail to create more privacy behind Lot 44, PI.
8. It was also pointed out that Board approval is needed to remove trees on private lots or common areas between lots. Trees on private lots can be trimmed as needed.

9. Substitute Senate Bill 6064 that was passed last year does not allow homeowners organizations to prohibit the display of outdoor political yard signs before any primary or general election. The law does allow “reasonable rules and regulations regarding the placement and manner of display”. The board has not adopted any specific rules; however, their thought is to limit the display to one typical small yard sign.
10. The display of garage sale signs was discussed. While not permitted by the CCRE&Rs, the board has taken the position that an issue will not be made over the brief display of such signs during the sale.

Secretary/Treasurer Ray Bloom reported:

1. As shown on the Income Statement handout, the 2005 budget had several underruns on expenses, primarily in lawn maintenance, insurance, and legal that resulted in the year end bank balance increasing to \$5,613.39.
2. Mitch Everton expressed displeasure at there being no 2006 budget presented. He felt there should be no dues requested without a budget to demonstrate the need for the amount of dues requested.
3. The board apologized and stated a budget would be adopted at the February 8, 2006 meeting and posted on the Parkside web page.

Paul Dofton gave a presentation of the plan to improve the appearance of the Parkside entrance.

1. The board plans to engage a professional landscape architect to develop a plan for revitalization of the entry lawn and plants. The goal is to have attractive slow growing, low maintenance plants that will allow visibility of the brickwork. It may be necessary to replace unsuitable clay soil with good topsoil. It may also be necessary to modify the sprinkler system.
2. The tentative schedule for this effort is to develop the plan and using the plan, solicit bids for the work to be done in late 2006 or early 2007.
3. The following residents volunteered to participate on a committee working on the improvement plan: Paul Sund, Judy Gigot, Nicoline Payne, Doug Colglazier, Steve Cox, and Dianne Olsen.

Tom Johnson discussed:

1. A break-in that occurred in October. He reminded everyone to watch out for their neighbors. A neighborhood watch was discussed, but no action was taken. It was pointed out that during periods of absence, the police auxiliary will check a house periodically.
2. The city radar speed indicator was placed on Hickory as an effort to have drivers be aware of their speed. It was noted if a particular driver is noted to be speeding, their license can be given to the police and they will be contacted.

## ELECTIONS

The two year terms of Paul Dofton and Ray Bloom are up. It was announced that Pete Turner would serve on the board if a position was open. Since no one at the meeting indicated an interest in running for the board and Dofton and Bloom are willing to continue to serve, they will commence another two years on the board.

## GENERAL

1. It was suggested that residents use care in securing their garbage on “windy Wednesdays”. It was pointed out that a bungee cord works well to prevent the lid from opening or coming off.
2. Tom announced that Ann Giboney and Carolyn Cox are planning to again have the annual Parkside Progressive Dinner. The past dinners have been enjoyed by those attending and all residents are encouraged to attend and meet your neighbors. It will probably be held the end of March.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Attachment to Parkside 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Attendees

1. Carolyn Bloom
2. Carlton Robinson
3. Richard Gigot
4. Judy Gigot
5. Mitch Everton
6. Lane Johnson
7. Shirley Smith
8. Sandra Koffron
9. Craig Smith
10. Lorraine Sund
11. Paul Sund
12. Bob Hoffman
13. Don Bergner
14. Carolyn Cox
15. Harry Chandler
16. Steve Cox
17. Dianne Olsen
18. Curtis Payne
19. Nicoline Payne
20. Mike Jones
21. Gary Hudak
22. Rene Vance