## ALHA ANNUAL MEETING

# FEBRUARY 25, 2010

# **MINUTES**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM
- 2. A Quorum was determined to begin meeting.
- 3. Terri Lodge took minutes in Kevin Mumphrey's absence.
- 4. On the motion by Erin Lorio and second by Brandt Lorio, the minutes of the February 2009 annual meeting were approved.
- 5. Current Board Members present at meeting: no report given.
- 6. Board of Directors Reports
  - i. Street Sign Replacement: Brandt Lorio reported that the street signs were beyond repair and must be replaced. Several suggestions for type of replacement were discussed and further research will continue for best possible solution for sign replacement.
  - ii. Gas Lights: Jim Peterson reported that homeowners were responsible to keep gas lights lit. The association will provide posts, glass and mantles. Glass panes are on order and should be in five weeks from time of meeting. There are extra glass panes at some resident's homes and they will return them.
  - iii. Mail Box Posts: Jim reported that there are four on order for replacement of deteriorated posts. New homeowner, Robert and Leah Thibault at 225 Lake Vista will receive one for their new home.
  - iv. Architectural Control Request: Bill Millar indicated that he will step down from the board volunteer as an ACC committee member and seek out other volunteers to reside on the committee. The following 15requests have been filed for 2009:
    - 1. 6 for tree removal/replacement
    - 2. 1 to build arbor in backyard
    - 3. 2 to construct backyard retaining walls
    - 4. 1 to construct backyard deck/pergola

- 5. 1 to construct backyard storage shed
- 6. 2 driveway replacements
- 7. 1 driveway extension/fence replacement
- 8. 1 to construct backyard play-set

Addressing a question by Debbie Shapiro, Brandt indicated that all ACC approvals are up to standards according to the covenants and violators of the covenants have been addressed.

v. Drainage Issues: Brandt reported that the board is seeking elevation surveys and whether covered drains are an option to homeowners and the costs associated with covering ditches. Tony Tredente suggested the North/South ditches be addressed first when a solution is found. Alan Henton suggested closing in ditches should be phased in. Other drainage issues will be looked into in the coming year. Once all surveys have been performed and estimates acquired, the board will notify homeowners of results.

On another issue, the Spustek Lot (next to Sharon Pauley's house) had a culvert placed in the ditch by the landowner some years past and is plugged with debris and causing a drainage problem. Additionally, this culvert was not installed in accordance with ALHA covenants. The property owner will be advised that it needs to be removed in thirty days.

7. Lake, Conservancy and LLC – Brandt Lorio/Jim Peterson

Mainly due to the tireless efforts of Harry Rich, last year's spring/summer sprayings were successful in keeping lake vegetation in check. More treatment chemicals have been ordered for this year and we possess two sprayers for treating our side of the lake. Please feel free to sign up for the Lake Maintenance Committee. Gift Certificate was presented to Harry to show the neighborhood's appreciation for his efforts.

8. Website: Brandt Lorio

The covenants, bylaws, ACC request form and Lake LLC conservancy documents have been posted on the ALHA website for your ease of reference.

#### 9. Street Maintenance – Brandt Lorio

The Board has contacted a Home Owner's Association lawyer to obtain an opinion regarding the legal pros and cons of neighborhood street donation to the Parish. It is improbable that ALHA could afford to repair any serious street problem in the future. The board will research the pros and cons of a Parish takeover of Audubon Lake streets. Ken Ress indicated that the new street signs, when in place, may not meet the Parish's standards if the Parish takes over the streets. This will have to be looked into.

## 10. Treasurer's Report:

Jim Peterson presented the budget. There was discussion regarding whether or not the budget for the Christmas party is too costly or should the budget be left as is. The board will take all comments into consideration and devise an appropriate plan for upcoming events held in the neighborhood.

## 11. Committee Reports

- a. Welcoming Committee: Debbie Shapiro subbed for Lynn Staffier Debbie reported that our newest neighbors for 2009-10 were: Mike and Pam Owens, Brett and Lori Flint and Bob and Leah Thibault.
- b. Landscaping/Decorating Committee: Pam Appe, Mary Mongrue, John Mongrue, Susan Mumphrey, Donna Guinot (Board Liaison: Bill Millar)

- Pam indicated that the committee isn't pleased with the work Nate is producing and will investigate his work while getting quotes from other landscapers.
- ii. Shrubs near entrance will be cut back due to inability to safely exit at entrance.
- iii. Gift Certificate was presented to Pam to show the neighborhood's appreciation of her efforts throughout the course of the year to develop and implement landscaping for the neighborhood.
- b. Entertainment Erin Lorio, Loraine Peterson and Michelle Woodall (Board Liaison: Doug Levey)
  - Doug Levey reported that the Spring Fling is set for April 17, 2010 with time and place to be determined at a later date.
  - ii. Fall Fest is set for October 9, 2010 at 324 Lake Shore Dr.
  - iii. A location and date is yet to be determined for the Christmas party.

#### 12. Committee Volunteers Needed:

- i. Bill Millar will seek ACC volunteers.
- ii. Lorraine Peterson will publish newsletter.
- iii. Lake Maintenance Committee will consist of Harry Rich, Brandt Lorio, Jason Appe and Darryl O' Donnell.

#### 13. Nomination and Election of Officers

- i. Brandt Lorio, Jim Peterson, Kevin Mumphrey, Terri Lodge, Ken Ress, Tony Tredente and Mike Owens were all nominated from the floor as the new board for 2010.
- ii. To allow others to participate as board members, Steve Rose, Bill Millar, and Doug Levey will step down from serving as board members. Both stated that they are eager to serve again should we need them in the future.

## 14.Old Business

i. Paul Broussard wanted to revisit security cameras. Brandt indicated that at the last annual meeting the idea was scrapped because of the high costs and constant upgrade of technology. Additionally, the cameras haven't proven successful in capturing license plates at night. Therefore, it is suggested by the board and others in attendance to be vigilant in protecting your property by locking doors and keeping garage doors closed as well as reporting solicitors illegally in the neighborhood.

#### **15.New Business**

- i. New Years Eve break-in at 313 Lake Shore mainly garage.
- ii. Nick and Linda Cusimano bought the corner lot near the cul de sac.
- 16. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.