

MINUTES

HIGHGATE GREENS HOA

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2019 | Meeting called to order by Robb Grabb, President

In Attendance

Sign in sheet on file

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

Past Meeting Minutes Review

Past meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion by Jeannie Meisse and a second by Jackie Lovell.

President's Report

Robb Grabb introduced himself as the new HOA President. He gave an updated related to the Princess Anne Road extension and proposed restaurants in the front of Sherwood Lakes neighborhood. He acknowledged that 81% of neighbors are using the NextDoor app and encouraged everyone to use NextDoor and our HOA Facebook page to keep informed. Robb introduced Bryan Banks as the new treasurer who took over for Jared Durban.

VP's Report

Steve Firestone reported that there are currently 3 homes on the market (2 on Sanderson Lane and 1 on Upper Greens Place) and that 3 homes have recently sold in the neighborhood. Sale prices were \$500K, \$575K and \$615K. The homes that are currently on the market have been on it for 16, 20 and 82 days.

Treasurer's Report

Bryan Banks went over the budget and balance sheet for the group. He shared that HOA dues we mailed out and that we still have some that are unpaid. He also mentioned that reminder letters were sent out today. Bryan let the group know if they have any questions about the budget, that he is happy to address them.

Secretary's Report

Terrina Thomas reminded everyone to sign in to the meeting and that the minutes are posted on the HOA webpage and can be reviewed there.

Committee Reports

- **At Large Member report** – no report was offered by Doug Cherry or Sachin Katkar.
- **Landscaping committee** – Michael Childress reported that spring flowers have been slightly delayed due to weather. He expects to receive 1200-1500 flowers from our usual distributor that will need planting. Mike let the group know he is planning to use different flowers this year including pollinators like lantana and will also use hibiscus and portulaca. He will establish a good planting time and alert neighbors via social media when the planting will occur. Everyone who can volunteer should plan to help out. Mike reminded the group that our volunteering helps stretch our landscaping budget so we can put that money toward other neighborhood improvements. Next year, our current distributor will not be available so we will have to explore different options. The contracted landscaping service, Rescom will mulch after the planting. The irrigation system needs some improvement so Mike is looking into a service for those repairs.
- **Architecture committee** – Eric Westhoff reminded the group that any addition to the home (not including windows, siding, fence replacements) need to have an application submitted to the Architecture Committee for HOA approval. This can be done online through the Highgate Greens webpage (www.highgategreens.org). The committee, which consists of Mike Childress, Steve Firestone and Eric Westhoff will respond within 1 business day.
- **Social committee** – Jackie Lovell reported that
 - The progressive party in December was a success and that is was the biggest one so far with regard to turn out. The 2019 progressive party is planned for December 7th and host homes are needed. Contact Jackie to sign up.
 - The Easter Egg Hunt was a success with lots of neighborhood kids participating.
 - Friday Happy Hours are being planned with the first one slotted for June 21, 2019. Please sign up on Facebook to host and to find out the schedule. Jackie reminded the group that hosting is easy and fun.
 - 4th of July parade will be on a Thursday this year and will be similar to past years with hot dogs and fun after the parade.
 - Fall Festival is scheduled for October 19th and will include cornhole tournament and Mike will secure a porta-potty.
- **Neighborhood Watch** – Doug Cherry reported that VBPD is very pleased with our Neighborhood Watch program. Doug reminded the group to light up their houses, keep their property especially their cars secured including not leaving valuables in cars and keep garage doors closed even when home.
- **Sunshine committee** – no report

Other Business

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Adjourn & Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Eric Westhoff and second by Bryan Banks at 7:07p.m.

Next General Meeting in November 2019, Brother's Pizza – date to be determined

Respectfully submitted by Terrina Thomas, Secretary