

Timber Farms Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2008

I. Call to order

Dave Frampton called to order the meeting of the **Timber Farms Civic Association** at **7:05 p.m.** on **November 17, 2008** in **Thurgood Marshall School**.

II. Roll call

The following board members were present: Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes and Camille Dinon. Dave Schneider from the Maintenance Association was also present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Camille Dinon read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Treasurer's report: Bob read from the Treasurer's Report. Bob noted that the newsletter, Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween event are the top expenses for the Civic Association. He also noted that membership is currently at 59%, the lowest it has been in years. Dave Schneider suggested encouraging membership by mentioning events that had to be cancelled.
- b) Christine Verdi gave a report on the Halloween event. The weather this year was great and the band was wonderful. We had about 50 kids who participated. Because the fire truck could not make it to the parade, Bruce's car led the parade.
- c) Maintenance Association update:
 - Dave Schneider said that a summary should be coming out soon from the Maintenance Association. However, vinyl fencing has been approved. Residents will still need written approval when putting up a new fence.
 - The Maintenance Association has put up new signage at the entrance of the neighborhood and at the parks in the neighborhood.
 - A new sinkhole at 111 Woodland Rd. was noticed. Bob called it into Conectiv because a junction box is sinking and has created a safety issue.
 - The recent police activity in the neighborhood created many complaints from residents. The Safety Tactical Unit handed out a lot of tickets for speeding, no seat belt use, loud exhaust as well as other violations.
 - The security patrol of the neighborhood has been very successful. Patrols were restricted in November. However, they will be increased again in December to avoid vandalism of Christmas decorations.

V. New business

- a) Nomination for President: (2 year term) Elections will be held at our December meeting. Bob nominated Bruce Lipphardt for another term as President. Nomination for Secretary: (2 year term) Bob nominated Camille Dinon for another term.

- b) Spring Picnic: Christine and Eileen have volunteered to plan the picnic in the spring. They will be picking a date in May.
- c) The next garage sale will be held in either May or June of 2009. The date will be decided later.
- d) Christmas event: The Santa Claus train ride is being planned by Bob and Bruce again this year.
- e) The Food Bank collection was very successful thanks to the efforts of John Kelahan.
- f) John Viola had a few items. He discussed DEFAC's budget shortfall and mentioned that it will probably hit aid agencies the hardest. He also mentioned that West Hummock is funded to be repaved in the coming year. A resident mentioned the concern that the developers might damage the road after it is paved.
- g) A resident voiced her concern over the noise on Anthony Drive from I-95 traffic. Dave Schneider mentioned that planting more trees would not be useful because of the poor conditions. The only viable solution would be to construct a stone wall. However, it is also a very costly solution. He is hoping that perhaps Capano may be agreeable to putting in a fence.

VI. Adjournment

Dave Frampton adjourned the Civic Association meeting at **8:00 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Camille Dinon

Minutes approved by: