

Forest Glen Station Homeowner's Association
Executive Board Meeting
May 14, 2007

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by the President, Catherine Bocskor, at 7:31 P.M. The meeting was held at Montgomery Hills Baptist Church, at the corner of Georgia Ave. and Forest Glen Rd.

Board Members Present: Catherine Bocskor, President; Kevin Covert, Vice President; Allen Feuer, Treasurer; Francis O'Donnell, Secretary; and Charles Ehrlich. **Others Present:** Rodney Rudd, Lesya Covert.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting. The Board approved the minutes from the meeting of April 9.

II. Officer/Committee Reports. Treasurer reported that we have exceeded the snow removal budget by \$3,269 for 2007 so far. He noted that the Board had earlier agreed to budget for a snow reserve of \$15,000, so he will plan accordingly for next year. Contributions will be mainly the responsibility of the townhome residents in accord with the townhouse/single family distribution that is currently in the budget. He also reminded that he will begin budgeting for contributions to a reserve fund for a reserves study.

A. Budget Committee: See the treasurer's report (above).

B. Covenants Committee. Mrs. Covert reported that the Committee proposed that archives of the Committee be held in digital format, in part because of their volume, to facilitate continuity of records, and to maximize completeness of the records of Committee actions. Committee would ask the Board for funding to underwrite any costs of digitizing the information.

Two requests for architectural changes have been received. One is for a patio in one of the single family homes. The patio would have a retaining wall and a bed of flowers. Mr. Keeton has recommended to the Committee that it approve. The nearby neighbors have approved.

Another request asked for approval of work on corners near an alley. The changes would include shrubs and trees. The Committee is still undecided on this request. The shrubs would tend to grow very tall.

The Committee is proposing that, for future requests, the application process be changed to include the following: 1) both the owner and co-owner (if there is one) sign the application; 2) reduce the number of neighbors who must endorse a proposed change from 4 to 3, but the Committee would reserve the right to require the consent of additional owners; and, 3) including in the application form a requirement for the project to be completed in a timely manner. Right now, the Covenants require the initiation of approved work within 6 months and completion within one year.

C. Landscaping and Grounds Committee. Mr. Hughes reported that Paul Ambrogi (A&W Landscaping) has started the spraying and planting of grass, mowing, and edging. Pansies will be replaced with annuals in June. It was noted that sweeping up the sand (from winter operations) is not in the contract with A&W.

D. Parking and Safety Committee. Mr. Rudd will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks and will post a notice on the list server. His correct email address is rwr4a@mac.com. (It was misprinted in the recent newsletter.)

III. Open Forum. No comments.

IV. New Business.

A. Gate to the Metro – new proposals for solving problem. President noted the new sign on the gate. There was no plan for monitoring compliance. She proposed placing a monitoring device to make videos of the gate. There have been complaints about violations. President has also noted banging of the gate in the mornings. Key owners don't always lock the gate. Other proposal is to change the lock to a spring-loaded bolt. Parking and Safety Committee will consider this issue.

B. Problems with Potomac Disposal services. Curb damage from the garbage trucks is one problem. It is possible that the recycling trucks have also been responsible. The collectors destroyed one owner's trash can. The president asked if the list server could contain a request to the residents to let the Board know if they witnessed the trucks driving over the curbs or other inappropriate actions. Mr. Covert will place a notice on the list server inviting residents to respond within a few weeks.

C. Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Panel - West Forest Glen position open. This was advertised on the list server, but we have heard of no responses from our community.

D. Set date for Fall HOA picnic. The Board concurred in asking the Social Committee to begin such planning. The president said she would ask Matt McKelvey to get the Committee to do so.

E. Ask homeowners for donations for new plantings. The President reported that one homeowner has volunteered to donate for native plantings for Forest Reserve area. The Board agreed that residents should be solicited to make donations. Vice President will ask the Chair of the Landscaping and Grounds to come up with a list of trees and locations from which residents could select.

F. Metro Sidewalk. Mr. Covert asked about possible repairs to the sidewalk along side the Metro parking lot. He will call Metro to inquire.

G. Landscaping complaints. Recent landscaping complaints have included such items as weeds, especially around the children's playground. The President will ask Mr. Hughes to speak to the landscaping company about chickweeds. There was also a complaint about mowers having cut a hose.

V. Old Business.

A. Metro development. Metro has decided not to develop the Metro station parking lot.

B. Maintenance items. The previously noted damage to Darcy Forest Drive, secondary to a police chase, was discussed. It appears to have been insignificant. The street lights on Darcy Green Place have been fixed. Henry's Towing sign is still down. Mr. Maccado and Mr. Rudd will check these items.

C. Debris removal. The debris piled up from the spring cleanup has been removed.

D. Fee for Meeting Space. The President said that she will ask Mr. Macado to send a check to the Montgomery Hills Baptist Church to pay for the HOA meeting space for the next 6 months.

VI. Next Meetings: The next meeting will be June 11, 2007 at 7:30 PM, at the same location. All HOA members are encouraged to attend. After that the next meeting will be July 9, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis L. O'Donnell, Secretary