

Minutes
2007 Annual Barclay Downs Homeowner's Association Meeting
February 15, 2007
A. G. Middle School Cafeteria.

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Sandi Walthall opened the meeting.

- (1) Sandi Walthall reviewed the transitional board's activities since organizational meeting that was held in October 2006. Among the activities that the transitional board has accomplished over the past 3 months were:
 - a. Established a regular meeting time for the Board (3d Thursday of month)
 - b. Established a web site (www.barclaydownshoa.org)
 - c. Completed requirements for reinstating a community watch program for neighborhood (see below)
 - d. Sent out several email alerts regarding crime activity,
 - e. Met with surrounding neighborhood association leaders to coordinate activities and identify common problems.

- (2) Lynn Mussen, Board Member and Treasurer, gave the financial report:
 - a. BDHOA has a balance of \$8,000.00 before dues were collected at the meeting tonight.
 - b. The new board will develop a budget for upcoming year based on input received from members at meeting and through email or phone calls to board members.
 - c. A copy of the budget will be sent to residents in next couple of weeks.
 - d. Lynn encouraged BDHOA member to attend the monthly board meetings or send in their suggestions to info@barclaydownshoa.org

- (3) As Chair of the Nominating Committee, Lynn Mussen reported that the Nominating Committee solicited volunteers to serve on the Board. Information about board positions were sent via email and contained in a flyer that was distributed by block captains to all residents in the neighborhood.
 - a. Lynn introduced the Nominating Committee's slate of officers and directors for the 2007-2008 Association year:
 - i. President: Hilary Larsen
 - ii. Vice President: Eric Lavonas
 - iii. Secretary: Susan Dulin
 - iv. Treasurer: Lynn Mussen
 - v. Director: Derek Dittner
 - vi. Director: Keith Evans
 - vii. Director: Mary Bryan Smith
 - viii. Director: Suzanne Valois
 - ix. Director: Sandi Walthall

- b. The floor was opened for nominations of additional candidates. No additional nominations were made.
 - c. The Board of Directors was approved as above by a unanimous vote of Association members present and voting.
- (4) Sandi Walthall (filling in for Mary Bryan Smith, community watch coordinator) gave an update on our community watch program.
- a. We are now officially a Community Crime Watch Neighborhood, having fulfilled the City's requirements of 2 public meetings and petition drive.
 - b. CMPD Police Officer Tony Pharr, our community resource officer, presented us with two signs.
 - c. Sandi and Mary Bryan will work with City to obtain additional signs that will be placed at key intersections in the community by BDHOA volunteers.
- (5) Officer Pharr gave an update and answered questions regarding recent crime activity.
- a. He stated that there was a random shooting incident into an empty car parked on the street on Sagamore in January about 1:00 am. The police suspect that it was a teenager.
 - b. Officer Pharr emphasized that we need to take valuables from our car into the house, keep car doors and houses locked, keep our eyes open and report suspicious people.
 - c. He encouraged residents to call 311 to report suspicious behavior, or 911 if you need immediate attention.
 - d. Officer Pharr can be reached at 704.943.2462. He works out of the Providence Division
 - e. A meeting to discuss crime and safety within the Providence Division will be held Thursday, March 1 at 6:30PM at Providence Baptist Church, which is located at 4921 Randolph Road.
- (6) Hilary Larsen noted that BDHOA has street captains who serve as the primary day-to-day conduit for information to and from the Association.
- a. The street captains will continue to stay in touch and try to gather dues and information such as email addresses.
 - b. We presently have 200 email addresses.
 - c. The website will be updated frequently and is a good way to stay plugged in to what is going on in Barclay Downs: www.Barclaydownshoa.org
- (7) Hilary Larsen gave an update on various organizations and individuals that have assisted us and/or given donations of much appreciated goods and services over the past few months. Among these are:
- a. Harris Teeter, which donated cookies and bottled water for the meeting
 - b. Starbucks Coffee at Piedmont Town Center, which donated coffee for the meeting. They've offered to make latte's at the next one!
 - c. Larry Walter for website assistance

- d. Dan Richman for offering to host the website next year
 - e. Cammie Hemphill for helping to design a logo for organization
 - f. Sheri Williams for offering to start a BDHOA garden club
 - g. Periwinkle Paper for making sign labels
 - h. Local neighborhood organization leaders, including Larry Sauder, Mary Beth Fields (Sedgefield), and Phyllis Strickland (Piccardy) for organizational assistance.
- (8) Representatives from the Myers Park High School Leadership Team, Mike Hobbs and Carlos Grant gave a presentation on ways that BDHOA residents could partner with the High School to enhance the school and community.
- a. There are over 2800 students and 100 staff at our award winning school.
 - b. Ideas on ways that residents could help the school include:
 - i. Contributing towards a BDHOA “student- or athlete-of-the-month program,
 - ii. Tolunteering at the school to mentor, tutor or by arranging internships at local businesses.
 - c. MPHS could assist the association through their culinary, photo and auto tech classes.
 - i. There was also discussion about service clubs partnering with BDHOA to beautify and keep our streets clean.
 - d. Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Grant stated that the school will be setting up a telephone line for residents to call if they see students leaving the school during operating hours.
- (9) Katie Mann, from the Mecklenburg County Soil and Conservation District, presented information on the Urban Cost Share Program which shares the cost with homeowners for improving water quality.
- a. Because we are in the Briar Creek Watershed area, residents can receive a reimbursement of 75% (up to \$3000.00) for implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) on your property.
 - i. These practices can include soil tests, rain cisterns, and landscaping.
 - b. For more information visit: www.mecklenburgconservation.com, or email Katie at katie.mann@mecklenburgcountync.gov.
- (10) Hilary Larsen stated that Barclay Downs neighbor and graphic designer, Cammie Hemphill, has donated her time and talents to develop a logo for our association. Look for it in the next few weeks on our website.
- (11) Out next board meeting is March 15th at 7:30. If you would like to attend, please email our secretary Susan Dulin at secretary@barclaydownshoa.org . We will announce the meeting location on the website.

Meeting adjourned