

BARCLAY DOWNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

3/15/07

IN ATTENDANCE: HILARY, SUZANNE, MARY BRYAN, JEAN, DERRICK, ERIC,
AND SUSAN

The Board discussed the following items:

1. Strategic plan:

Neighborhood safety:

- How to figure out if we have incorrect email addresses
- Membership drive
- Meeting for block captains
- Neighborhood directory
- Suggestion: block captains to have a coffee to get to know their street, obtain emails & phone #

2. Community watch:

- 2 signs are in, request for more. Cannot hang these signs on speed signs but can put them on light posts. Mary Beth's husband has been "volunteered" to install them.
- Suggestions: Coffee with block captains to discuss issues and how to best report activity.

3. Private security patrol:

- Need more information and BDHOA needs to gain more momentum before committing to do this. Suggestion: Board will talk with other associations to get information on cost and effectiveness.

4. Volunteers for committees and in general:

- Membership drive
- Social event ~ community picnic
- Suggestion- Post volunteer needs on website and then make phone calls to find volunteers.

5. April 21 Clean up day (also one in September):

- Clean up Day will target Colony, Barclay Downs, Runnymede and Creek.
- Hilary agreed to coordinate w/MPHS and ask for H.S. volunteers/service groups.

6. Tree banding and landscaping

- Arborscapes is writing a article for us for web on spring activities for yards.
- Suggestion: Talk with local nursery to get discount for members

7. Neighborhood entrance Signs:

- Would be nice to have at entrances to neighborhood.
- Suggestion: Due to cost and other more pressing projects, will be looked at next year.

8. Real Estate:

- Update on real estate activity of BD
- Discussion on confusion over various deed restrictions that apply to different streets in neighborhood. Board discussed need to provide information, but not be involved in legal issues. BD discussed need to strengthen relationships with lawyers & real estate agents on issues that are relevant to neighborhood.

-Suggestions: develop a page on web that links to websites of realtors that only live in Downs. Susan Dulin to work on this. Derrick agreed to make some general “how to” suggestions to homeowners regarding deed restrictions for renovations/add on’s that will be posted on the BD website

9. Storm drains, sewer & water runoff:

Discussed flooding problems in some areas. Discussed impact of Fairview and Morrison Rd development on area run-off and sewer capacity

Suggestion: Eric agreed to find out status of sewer project and report back at next meeting (Keith Evans also volunteered to monitor infrastructure issues)

10. Lighting:

Board discussed how strongly residents felt on this issue both for and against additional street lighting. The decision to add more lighting should be a street issue not neighborhood. The problem would be if residents on various streets chose different types of lighting that would fragment the neighborhood.

Suggestion: table issue until later date, but meet with City/Duke Power to monitor changes in policy regarding resident share of cost.

11. Sidewalks:

Wintercrest is going to get sidewalks. While sidewalk budget is already spent for several years, Board discussed need to improve existing sidewalks on Barclay Downs.

Suggestion: Talk with City about possible options. Would require resident input and final say.

12. Garden club:

Once started, there will be some beautification projects started

13. Partner w/MPHS:

- Board discussed ways that association could work with School (sponsor a student, ask businesses to help school, students use skills learned in h.sch to give back to community (catering, shop, cars etc)

-Suggestion: Hilary will students to volunteer to help w/BD clean up day 4/21

Suzanne has agreed to be the liaison & will contact Carlos Grant for future projects

14. Rezoning issue

-Board discussed the Proposed South park Tower at Fairview & Wintercrest - Ghazi Company.

-Suggestion- Board wants member input. Eric will write a letter to members stating Board's concerns. Unless there is strong support for project, Board plans to attend upcoming meeting and formally list our concerns regarding project. Eric and Derrick will monitor project.

15. Organizational issues

Board discussed benefits of getting 2 signatures req'd on checks. While not required by Banks, most nonprofits do it.

Suggestion: Board president is allowed to spend up to \$100 without Board vote. Larger expenditures by committee or board members require Board approval.

Derrick agreed to file change of name for Registered agent for State and obtain Articles of Inc.

Projects that Board would like to move forward with ASAP:

1. Neighborhood picnic – possibly at southpark band shell area
2. Block parties on each street
3. Coffee for block captains
4. Neighborhood directory
5. Newsletter
6. Develop a Newcomer program using our block captains(w/directory & possibly a plant) to make first contact with new residents.
7. Forum for BD neighbors w/local politicians
8. Play group for younger children in neighborhood
9. Partner w/Myers Park High School
10. Clean up day

Committees that Board will help organize include:

1. Community Watch
2. Beautification
3. Communications – website & membership directory
4. Social committee - 1 board member per comm. & assign people to committees
5. Government relations & zoning (Eric & Derrick)
6. Membership – Existing & newcomers contact info.