

Geist Landing Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2008
7:30 pm

1. Quorum Call – Call Meeting to Order at 7:44 p.m.
In attendance were Wes Hamilton, Mike Kistler, Andrea Preston, Barbara Schauland, Katyann DiSalvo, Lorraine Snider, and Bill Vassiliou. Also in attendance was Michel Pascal.
2. Review of Minutes – Minutes from November meeting. Lorraine motioned and Barbara seconded and the minutes were approved.
3. Financial Report – As of January 10th, we have \$4,403.21 in the bank. 213 households paid dues in 2007, which is a record number in recent years. Barbara asked about the first two entries on the financial report that are dated 2006. **Katyann will fix them** to show 2007.

Snow Removal Costs – The snow removal was \$670.00 from the first snow of this winter. We renewed our contract with Tough Turf. Their rates did not increase.

Wes asked about the budget section. Katyann has not updated this. This was a carryover from last year. **Wes and Katyann will work on updating the budget for 2008.**

Lorraine asked if we ever paid for installation of the lights. We have not been billed for this.

Mike motioned to approve the financial report and Andrea seconded. The financial report was approved.

Bill asked if we will run out of money if we continue on the same spending versus income path. We will if we continue to receive a lot of snow. Andrea suggested that information be highlighted in this year's dues letter (see below). Lorraine asked if the entrance lights can be turned on and off. They are timed. Mike asked if the Falkirk entrance

lights are working. **Someone will check on this. The lightbulb may need to be replaced.** Lorraine asked how many snow removals we had in 2007. We had 4 snow removals.

4. Dues Letter – We will send out dues notices soon. Andrea recommended changing the letter. She recommended making it shorter and making fewer, bolder points. **Andrea will revise the letter and e-mail it to everyone for approval.** We need to have the letter in the mail by the end of January. Barbara has a coupon for us to use when we print them. Mike asked about changing snow removal like Hunter's Ridge whereby only streets with a certain percentage of paid dues would be plowed. If we did that, only Applehorn would be removed. **Andrea will get the Staples reward card from Barbara.** We will meet to compile the letter. Andrea will e-mail everyone with a time once the letter and copying are complete.
5. CECO – CECO did not meet in December or in January.
6. New Business
Re-do assignment list – We now only have 10 people to split the neighborhood between. **Andrea and Katyann will update the assignments.** Michel said we could add him to the list.

Barbara reported that the house at the corner of 96th and Village Way is no longer for sale.

Barbara received a mailing concerning the change of the I-465 interchanges. She received this because Peter went to the public meeting. Wes and Katyann also received these. This project will be started in 2012 and will not be completed until 2018. The work they have already done is a separate project. Mike Kistler reported that the work they have already done is now causing backups between 82nd and 96th on northbound I-69. The new project will not alleviate this traffic because it will not go past 96th. The letter reported that they have decided on a designer for the project. Mike said the I-69 southbound morning traffic is greatly improved. Wes is concerned about how the interchanges will be after the project.

Andrea would like to have someone else pass out the Welcome Packets. Katyann suggested letting everyone cover their own area. The problem

with this is it is hard to keep track of. Bill asked how we know when someone new moves in. Becky Pascal sends the closing list to Barbara and she sends it to Heather Kistler. Heather reports the new names from the tax records. **Barbara will begin delivering the welcome packets.** Lorraine said we could get coupons from Marsh and she has a contact name for Andrea. **Andrea will compile the packets and get them to Barbara.**

Wes has made some changes to the website. They are mostly changes in content and not appearance. The minutes and financial reports will be on the website now. The block party pictures have been updated but the yard of the month pictures have not. The newsletter is current as well as the board member list. He included the MAC number in the menu which is on every page. If you don't want your picture on the web, you can request to have it removed.

Michel spoke to a company that manages homeowners' associations. They have about 50 associations. Michel asked her about how we can take care of sidewalks, etc. when our dues barely cover our expenses. She reported that the city is starting an office to help take care of these expenses. She will send Michel the name and number of the office when it is in place. He asked her about what she thought about us getting the dues mandatory. She laughed. We are the cheapest dues in the surrounding area. Michel said the closest to us is \$152. Those dues are intended to help maintain the retention ponds. We discussed raising the dues. Andrea asked if we should mention this in the dues letter. Michel recommended noting that they can pay more if they would like. Michel said they had two fish kills in their pond last year. One occurred early in the spring and one in the summer. This is due to the lack of oxygen in the bottom. Lantz and Michel and another neighbor are installing three aerators this year. The cost will be about \$300.00 per aerator plus \$15.00 per month in electricity. Lantz and Michel will install them themselves. Andrea recommended putting this information in the next newsletter.

Barbara asked about the plats that we are sending out. They are not correct. **Wes will take a look at them**, but for this year, we will probably have to use the ones we have.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara's house at 8883 Buckhaven Drive.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.