

Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board Meeting
Final Minutes
October 1, 2008 – 7:30pm

Attendees

<i>Steve Beste</i>	<i>Katherine Craig</i>	Ellen Eggerton
Jim Hickey	<i>Hans Jansen</i>	<i>Luis Londono</i>
Kathleen Powers	<i>Brent Reynolds</i>	Dick Sargent
<i>Richmon Tun</i>		

***Board Members are denoted in italics*

Additional Member Attendees

Jeff Aftergut	Jacqueline Fix	Johnathan Gibson
Ruth Orem	Thomas Panther	Kay Perret
Jim Pontious	Sabine Pontious	Steve Price
Betty Sinclair		

Introduction

The October board meeting of the association was held at Ravensworth Elementary School. B. Reynolds called the meeting to order and reviewed the rules for the meeting. K. Craig made the motion to amend the agenda to change item “Richmon Tun position” to read “Board positions”. The motion was approved, and the agenda, as amended, was approved.

The April 30, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2008 General Membership Minutes, and September 3, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes were all approved.

Board Positions

The group discussed the legitimacy of L. Londono as a member of the RFCA. S. Beste reviewed the by-laws, which state that a Board member has to either live in the neighborhood or own property. R. Tun made the motion to remove L. Londono as a board member. The Board voted 4 to 2 not in-favor of removing L. Londono. The motion did not pass.

The group then discussed R. Tun’s position as Secretary. B. Reynolds claimed that R. Tun fails to live up to his responsibilities as Secretary, is not active in the community, and does not completely understand the budget and finances. R Tun defended his performance. K. Craig made the motion to remove R. Tun from the board. The Board voted 3 to 3. Because there was not a majority vote, the motion failed.

Zoning Committee

E. Eggerton informed the group that there has been lots of activity with the Zoning Committee. A lot less homes are foreclosed in Ravensworth Farm than other neighborhoods. She encouraged everyone to report zoning issues, but not abuse it. Only

chronic problems should be reported. E. Eggerton will be discussing enforcement issues, both county and RFCA, at the general membership meeting in October.

The Farmer

K. Powers discussed the next issue of the farmer and what items she is still missing for the issue. ***B. Reynolds and E. Eggerton will provide her with the proposed topics for the meeting.***

Entranceway Beautification

K. Craig reported the final bid from Betty's Azalea Ranch for landscaping the neighborhood entrances came to a total of \$4,500. The cost for power washing the two brick walls and painting the wood signs came to a total of \$950. She has yet to receive a bid for entrance maintenance. ***The Board voted 6 to 0 to approve spending \$5,500 on entrance beautification (i.e., landscaping, power washing, and painting). K. Craig will move forward on this project.***

Halloween Parade/Party

K. Craig reminded the group that the Ravensworth Farm Halloween Parade and Party would be held on October 19 (rain date, October 26) from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Ravensworth Farm Pool parking lot. She thanked the pool for providing the parking lot and use of their restrooms. Volunteers are still needed and should contact K. Craig.

Green Committee

J. Hickey provided an update for the Green Committee. The Park Authority is considering de-staffing many of the lake front parks, including Lake Accotink. This would mean there would be no activities at Lake Accotink, and illegal activities might become prevalent at our neighborhood park. J. Hickey encouraged everyone to email county representatives expressing opposition to the proposal.

H. Jensen asked everyone to read the next issue of the Farmer and get energized about his walk through audits. He is still looking for additional homes to evaluate energy efficiency and provide suggestions on where savings can be attained. He charges \$35 per household for this service.

Budget

R. Tun reported on the annual budget projections and expenditures. The group reviewed and modified the yearly operating budget. ***R. Tun will make these changes to the budget in preparation for the general membership meeting in October. This includes placing the interest from the reserve in the revenue of the budget.*** The group discussed the importance of balancing the budget. ***The Board agreed, that if needed, money would be withdrawn from the reserve to cover the deficit between projections and expenditures in operating budget.***

The group discussed the reserve. There is currently about \$51,000 in the RFCA reserve. ***The Board agreed that between 10K and 18K should be kept in the reserve at all times.***

This is based loosely around the operating budget of one-year. The rest of the reserve should be put back into the neighborhood via capital expenditures. The group then provided ideas for capital expenditures.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.