

Annual Meeting

May 20, 2008

President Dale Beck called the annual meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum of homeowners was present and the meeting continued.

Present were board members: Dale Beck, Mark Wilcox, Carol Schmidt, Kevin Wanner, Pam Nikle and Marilyn Harris. Absent was Larry Cody.

Minutes from last years annual meeting were reviewed. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, Kevin seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer Larry Cody was delayed at an out of town meeting. He called in the treasurers report. We have \$6320.72 in checking and \$5010.06 in savings. Carol made a motion to accept the report, Jan Fuller seconded and motion was carried.

As an overview from last year's meeting, Dale reviewed that shoveling of sidewalks and cleaning up after dogs are City Ordinances and the City should be contacted to enforce them.

Neighborhood Watch: West Fargo is starting a neighborhood watch that is new to this community. Officer Nielson was unable to attend our annual meeting, but there is an informational meeting scheduled for May 21. Marilyn will be attending that meeting and any other home owner interested could also attend.

Mark and Wanda Wilcox have been doing our newsletter. Thank you. You have been doing a good job.

Annual picnic will be held in August this year.

Park: Signs are up marking the three entrances to the park. A friend of Marilyn's who is a Master gardener volunteered to draw up plans for what we could do with the Park. Her drawings were displayed with examples of trees/shrubs/flowers that we could place. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in sponsoring a tree.

Disbanding the Board: We have very poor support from our community and many comments have been made about getting rid of the Covenants and Board. Mark Wilcox contacted Larry Wild, City Planner and Kevin Buchholz from Moore Engineering. All developments in West Fargo have covenants, we enforce ours and the City likes that. If the Board would disband, someone would still need to a liason to a private company. They would need to make sure the green space was mowed, fertilized and snow removed. This would increase the annual dues by 2-5 times. Once covenants have been made, they are with the property forever.

Many meetings have been held in the past with the City and Park Board regarding taking over our green space (the park). They don't want it. Two developers have already

contacted the City regarding our green space and their intent is to put up Condo's. If the City/County/Park would take our Park, they could with it what they want and we would have nothing to say about it. If we would just leave the Park and not provide any upkeep, the City would then come in and take care of it for us. They, of course, would need to be compensated. Money would need to be in hand before they would do any thing with it. The charge for this would then come from the Sommerset homeowners.

If the park were divided up between the property owners, we would not have any green space and would then have to pay the City money because of this. Each house would be responsible for approximately \$600-\$1300 each. If we would want a definite amount, we would need to have a lawyer look at every thing and would have to pay. This would be expensive. Taxes would go up about \$700 per year. Any house around the park would have to pay \$200-\$250 a year extra.

Moore Engineering stated it would be very easy to split up the Park, the problem would be to get every one to agree. It would take a minimum of 2 years to accomplish this. If someone would change their mind, or would move, the process would have to start over. We would continue to pay for this and the cost would be astronomical.

Discussion again was held regarding the fence on 7th avenue. The fence was put up before the Association was turned over to the homeowners. We can't change any thing that was done before, but need to move forward.

Election of officers: Kevin Wanner is running for another 3 year term. There were no nominations or volunteers from the floor. Jack Fuller made a motion to unanimously re-elect Kevin, Marilyn seconded and motion carried.

There was no new business. Comment was made again that the web site still needs to be updated. Jack Fuller stated he would be interested in helping with that. We are planning on putting the Neighborwood Watch on there also.

Mark made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Pam seconded and meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully submitted by

Marilyn Harris