

Cottonwood Park West HOA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes of 8 February 2007
Greene/Lally House

In Attendance: Sharon, Lea, Joe, Fred, Trent, Dean, Jeff, Jane
Unable to Attend: Marva, Jim (taking a brief hiatus)

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

- The January minutes were approved and placing the minutes on the website was discussed – this will be done with board approval and sensitivity to privacy by placing them on the secured area for homeowners only.
- Over forty households have paid dues in full – so far no one is paying by the month – we would really like to avoid foreclosure proceedings in cases of extreme overdue non-payment of dues –
- East Meadowdale has yet to pay their portion of the water maintenance bill
- Thanks to the Hummer business for giving us extra help clearing icy places and 25 25-lb bags of ice melt free of charge
- As a money-making venture, we discussed having an all-neighborhood garage sale with a portion of the proceeds going toward maintenance and capital improvements costs – which continue to be needs-based as noted by Jeff’s maintenance list which he handed round
- We must convince the neighborhood that more money is needed for expenses – several of us will gather dues/general information for other HOA’s to fashion a comparison with our own - to help with the argument for increasing dues and improving the guidelines – a list of estimated costs for maintenance/improvement issues would also be helpful for show and tell for budget increases
- Several interesting letters were read – one offer of help with the sprinkler system maintenance, some opinions regarding changes in exterior siding: one yes to stucco, no to aluminum and vinyl; others yes to all; would change add variety or hodge-podge, any historic considerations? – perhaps we could hire plow drivers to better clear the streets which were poorly plowed by the county
- Unleashed, unpleasant, perhaps vicious dog news is with us again – Sharon will check the politics of how and what we can say to alert the neighbors – newsletter?, e-mails?
- After more consideration of the yard art issue from the previous meeting, we voted to not pursue removal and also to not consider action on complaints from anonymous letters – neighborly discussion should be the first action for complaint and the board will intervene only if signed letters are submitted
- The website continues to improve – thanks to Fred and Sharon!
- The budget still haunts us all – as well as covenant changes and their cost - perhaps \$3000. – we need a reserve fund policy and a policy for complaints – taxes are paid in July
- Joe will seek cost of outfitting the Cub Cadet for snow removal
- We reviewed a 1999 letter of Kent Bowron regarding water records and discussed the proposed change in water usage for Burgundy Park – Dean will meet with BP regarding this issue sometime mid to late February
- Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm

Jane