

Westchester Owner's Meeting

October 16, 2007

Attending:

Marcel Karolys, President
Charles Cleveland, V. President
Mark Lowther, Pool
Robin Foster, RAP
Heather Klausmeyer, Legal
Denise Salet, Trash Maintenance, Tennis
Jolee Mikula, Treasury
Carroll Satterfield, Security
Cindy Thomson, Secretary

Patrick Miller, Resident
Bill Hopkins, ACC, Resident
Another resident, no name on attendance list

Invited guests:

Gary Drabek, City of Houston, Neighborhood Traffic Projects (NTP)
Sarah Schimmer, Pam Holm representative (Chief of Staff)

Gary Drabek, Manager, Neighborhood Traffic Projects for the City of Houston made a presentation regarding requesting and initiating a **traffic flow study**, which is a process codified in 1993 to handle neighborhood traffic issues.

The study will count the number and speed of vehicles traveling through the neighborhood. Both Westchester and Nottingham Forest VIII will be included in the study. Nottingham Forest VIII will be included due to the fact that their traffic is not considered cut through; no main thoroughfare dividing the neighborhoods. Interestingly the study assigns each home with 10 trips per day in and out of the neighborhood

The study process includes public notice and public meetings. After the first public meeting a committee will be formed encompassing individuals from the neighborhood(s) and the city. To find out additional information, go to www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/traffic/programs.htm.

Robin Foster planned to discuss this with the Westchester/Nottingham Forest VIII Women's group. We should all work toward obtaining signatures to be submitted with the application.

Motions & Votes:

Motion was presented, seconded and passed to request a vote from the community to raise the maintenance fee for 2008; \$100.00 for essential services and a separate vote for 2008 security (\$105.00). The \$100.00 essential services amount may change slightly depending upon the final budget numbers. The voting will be held at the neighborhood pool November 3rd & 4th. With this vote, all neighborhood homeowners will become members of the pool. There was no discussion of renters being members of the pool.

Motion was presented, seconded, and passed to cancel the constable contract and then interview independent contractors. In this case, residents would not call the constable for assistance but would call the cell phone of the security contractor.

It was decided that in early 2008, another vote would be placed before the community proposing to change the Deed Restrictions to enable the WOC more flexibility to increase the yearly maintenance fees. For example, the yearly maintenance fee would be closely linked to the budget, rather than the deed restrictions controlling the budget. With expenses rising (i.e. fuel charges in the trash contract) beyond the control of the WOC, the WOC needs to have the flexibility to maintain the existing essential services.

Somehow, it was decided that garage sales would no longer be allowed in the neighborhood. No vote was held. Can a resident be denied the right to hold a **garage sale** without it being approved by the neighborhood and included within the Deed Restrictions?

The revised ACC Guidelines were approved at the July 2007 WOC meeting. The board decided that the revision did not need another vote based upon its approval of the revised ACC Guidelines at the July 2007 meeting.

General discussion:

The tennis courts badly need resurfacing.

The final budget should be ready by 10/27 and will be included in the RAPP.