

Aspen Grove Homeowners Association  
Board Meeting  
April 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Vice-President, Laura Rench

Stephanie Day moved, Gary Ames seconded – approval of 3-22-11 minutes.  
Stephanie Day moved, Bruce Anderson seconded – approval of 4-17-11 minutes.

**Election of officers:** Casey Jorgensen's move to Colorado necessitates electing a new president. Laura Rench, Vice-President will act as President until a new one is elected. All other officers will remain.

**New Business:**

1. **Changing gardeners:** Presently we use TruGreen. Their contract expired in January and we pay month to month. A number of the Board noticed that they are not doing all the contracted work. We need homeowner volunteers to monitor the landscaping and tree plan. Susan Nelson recommended Yard Butlers. See the budget attached with services provided. Lawn Maintenance showed all reviews to be 4 ½ to 5 out of 5. Bruce recommended Dependable LLC since they were the least expensive.
2. **Street Tree Pruning:** A suggestion from Susan Nelson's landscaper was to window the community trees. That pruning brought up quite a few concerns. Should the trees be pruned or removed and replaced. See the attached from L&G Tree Service. Some homeowners feel the trees are "out of control." What damage will the root systems do? What about the City of Kenmore permit restrictions? If we decide to remove the trees, the cost will be quite high. Should we have a two year plan to raise dues? We are limited by the By-Laws as to how much we can raise dues. A one-time assessment was deemed to be too costly for homeowners. If we raise dues this year and set a reserve, we could leave the trees this year and set up a 1 or 2 year plan. The Board agreed to recommend replacement of the trees.

**Dues:** A two year plan needs to be considered. Dues would include a raise to handle tree issues. We are limited to dues increase by the By-Laws. So a 2 year plan may be necessary. The Board decided to recommend a 2 year plan at \$275.00.

**HOA Annual Meeting:** The annual HOA meeting will be April 22, 2012 at 4:00 at the playground.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.