

Aspen Grove Homeowners Association Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 22, 2012

Present: Steve Heard, Susan Rench, Laura Rench, Gary & Laurie Ames, Jason Cantera, Stephanie Day, Clifton Renberg, Bruce & Kristin Anderson, Matt & Christina Barzare, Susan Nelson, Reggie Jackson, Jeff Swanson, Mark Miller & Nancy Friday.

Laura Rench, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 4:08 at the basketball court. President Casey Jorgensen has moved to Colorado.

Proof of Notice: The meeting notice, agenda, and proposed budget were mailed to all homeowners two weeks prior to the meeting, an updated budget mailed a few days later.

Susan Rench read last year's minutes. Gary Ames motioned for and Bruce Anderson seconded the minutes to be approved. The motion carried.

Election of Officers: Bruce Anderson, treasurer, and Gary Ames, member-at-large, were unanimously re-elected. Mark Miller was elected Vice-President. Susan Nelson and Laurie Ames volunteered to oversee the community landscaping.

Unfinished Business: Casey was in charge of the Tot Lot improvement project involving families with children, however, the project has been suspended. A more user-friendly structure is needed. Concerns involved insurance and regulations. The existing bench needs repair, and the wood chips need replacing. We decided this is a project for later. A community pea-patch was suggested, which requires community maintenance and may not be acceptable to all homeowners. This project will be revisited after the upcoming tree project.

New Business: The community tree project and the budget were discussed together. The maple trees planted by the developer are wrong for the neighborhood. Roots begin to show above ground, putting driveways, sidewalks, yards and the street in jeopardy. 3-4 companies gave opinions and estimations. We can top the trees, which expands future growth to the limbs and roots. We can remove and replace the trees, hopefully, with genetically engineered trees. All agreed this needs to be done; however, we can only raise dues by 25% in one year, so we need to extend the tree project. Questions of concern: who will repair the lawns; the City of Kenmore needs to be involved with their regulations such as the number of trees removed per year, tree suggestions, and permits; trees not be put in the same hole; and staggering replacement of the trees could extend the project for years. The estimates include tree removal and stump grinding (and the chips could be used for the Tot Lot). We cannot resell the trees due to cost. We discussed individual homeowners taking care of their own trees. Of concern is the consistency of time, size and type, hiring someone to grind the stumps, community commitment. A special \$200.00 assessment for one year could help pay for this project. It was decided the ACC and Bruce Anderson, Susan Nelson, Steve Heard, Mark Miller, and Clifton Renberg will meet to discuss the project and report to the Board in six months.

Stephanie Day motioned and Mark Miller seconded the motion for the dues to be \$218.75. The vote unanimously agreed.

We discovered the landscaper's job has been less than expected. Community areas need to be mowed, weeded, fertilized, kept in good condition and the sprinklers taken care of. Past gardeners are not acceptable, and one of the homeowners indicated her landscaper will meet others' estimates. Currently, we are on a month-to-month contract with Tru-Green. Steve Heard and Gary Ames motioned and seconded to release Tru-Green. The ACC will need to approve the landscaper choice.

We discussed safety issues for children playing in the street. They do need to be supervised for everyone's safety. A speed bump at the bottom of the hill was suggested, however, there may be grading problems. Also, dogs need to be kept in their own yards or supervised and cleaned up after. All homeowners who have renters need to convey these issues to your renters. By the way, owners are required by the CCR's to provide the Board with a current copy of your leasing or rental agreement. If you have not already done so, please send your copy to Laura Rensch, 7559 NE 204th Place, Kenmore, Washington 98028.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Rensch
Secretary