



Karen Breen-Bondie, President
Carol Frederick, Vice President
Lisa Canada, Second Vice President
Darcey McLaughlin, Secretary
Phil Kauffmann, Treasurer

Minutes Wednesday, January 31, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Roosevelt Elementary School. All officers were present with the exception of the 1st Vice President, Lisa Canada, as well as six block directors.

Review of previous meetings minutes, April 21, 1999. A discussion regarding our name being registered with the State ensued. Katrina Collins to call to make sure our name is still registered. The \$225.00 indicated in prior minutes has not yet been paid.

A discussion regarding progress with Wetmore's ensued. Wetmore's has been uncooperative. The association has not pressured Kevin Breck, our pro-bono attorney to follow-up with them.

Review of the Treasurer's Report, including a budget analysis. This led to a discussion regarding snow removal. Phil Kauffmann stated that discussions have occurred between our snow removal contractor to change the \$4,000 winter season snow removal fee, to \$1,000 per month, December, January, February and March. Much discussion regarding price – any chance to reduce our fee if snow removal is not performed? Group suggested other options including inquiring into City of Pleasant Ridge snow removal as well as volunteer snow removal (a proposal suggested by Bill Frederick) – whereby Woodland Park Improvement Association would purchase their own equipment and ask volunteers to store, maintain and use equipment. Possibility of saving the Association a lot of money. A Snow Removal Committee was formed consisting of Heather Kolwich, Bill Frederick & George Tarvis. Committee to report at next meeting.

President Breen-Bondie inquired to Treasurer Kauffmann as to whether we are able to negotiate a fee for the remainder of the winter season with snow removal contractor. There is enough money in the account to pay for two months' payment and Treasurer Kauffmann indicated that we would be able to do that.

Collection Guidelines were suggested by President Breen-Bondie. Guidelines would ensure uniformity of when, how and why collections occur. Suggested guidelines would have a cut-off of August 31 as the last date of collection yearly. Our by-laws state that collections are taken in advance of snow season. Therefore, the suggested new collection timeline would be 9/1 through 12/31. It was suggested that the best collection time and day of the week is Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Carol Kauffmann suggested that a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet be distributed to association regarding snow removal to help residents better understand why the snow cannot be removed at times (i.e. more than 5 inches of snow, ice, etc.)

Darcey McLaughlin suggested that the association put together a welcome packet containing latest newsletters, and historical information on the association, date of next annual meeting, snow removal, etc. so new residents can better understand the association and its benefits and history.

It was suggested that there be a collection booth set up at the annual block party for snow removal dues to jump start the season.

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The annual block party coordinators this year are Claire Rasch (361 W. Woodland), Tiffany Gagné (360 W. Woodland), and Jill Lamphier (372 W. Woodland). The committee will make a small presentation at the annual meeting in March.

It was suggested that there be a dues increase for the Association. Phil Kauffmann's budget analysis shows that with 326 houses in the Association @ 100% collection, the total amount would not cover snow removal for one year. Therefore, a dues increase of \$3.00 was suggested and will be voted upon at the March annual meeting.

The annual meeting was set for Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 7:00 at Roosevelt Elementary School Media Center with potential guest speakers Cristina Sheppard-Decius and the new Ferndale Schools Superintendent, Gary Meier.

New Business: Gordy Oliva brought up traffic issues on Maplehurst. Concerns were brought up regarding Drayton as well. Discussion regarding speed bumps, police speed meters being posted, etc. A Traffic Committee was formed consisting of Gordy Oliva, Katrina Collins and Darcey McLaughlin. Committee to report at next meeting.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Darcey McLaughlin
Secretary
Woodland Park Improvement Association