

Magnolia Valley Civic Association

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Stewart Whitmarsh at 7:05 pm. Board members present were: S. Whitmarsh, Lois Summey, Treasurer; Rick Brewer, Parks; Kay Schery, Membership; Nancy Schwartz, Block Captains; Carol Acquilante, Deed Restrictions/County Affairs/CONA; Mike Whitehead, Security; and Kathryn Mahan, Secretary. Also present were Jan Kratofil, MVNewsletter; Harriet Bregman, Past President; Harriet Prager, MVWomen's Club; Ron Hubbs (for his first and last meeting as a member of the Board because he is moving), and another 12 interested residents.

Treasurer's Report: L. Summey reported we now have 219 paid association members, there was \$466.61 in disbursements, receipts of \$5,420.65 and a treasury balance of \$18,757.30.

Secretary's Report: K. Mahan. There was no report.

COMMITTEES:

Parks: R. Brewer reported that he had talked with Day Ryan re: a contract renewal. They will be doing a "walk through" the first of March and Mr. Ryan will be submitting a bid for continuation of his contract. The waterways have been sprayed, including the ditch in the park, and this should reduce or eliminate the unwelcome growth. The stump grinding has been completed and now the grass can be mowed without the equipment being torn up. The grass will be allowed to grow to 5" or 6" and then cut to 3". He sees a need to bring in some fill or top soil to help reduce the moist areas where mowing cannot take place. The basketball court in Lechey Park at the corner of Raintree and Magnolia Valley Drive will be refurbished. We will need 2" x 4"s for framing, the court will be 20' wide by 30' long, will need five to six yards of concrete for a cost of approximately \$400. We also want to erect an entrance barrier at the park entrance of two posts about 20' apart and about 3' to 4' high with a sign that will say "No Parking." This is to stop the parking of golfers cars in the entrance. When cars are parked there on mowing days the machinery cannot get into the park to mow.

Insert from President: S. Whitmarsh stated that as of this date the wall belongs to MV Subdivision. The original signs for the wall have been painted by Paul Schwartz and as soon as permits are granted from the county and city a professional sign man will place the signs on the wall.

Block Captain: N. Schwartz. There was no report.

Deed Restrictions: C. Acquilante stated that if anyone has a complaint they can call her and leave an address, she will do a drive by and if there is a problem, she will send them a letter to let them know they are in violation.

Entertainment: K. Mahan. There was no report.

Newsletter: J. Kratofil. The newsletter will be going out before the next meeting and will include a copy of the Deed Restrictions. There will also be a list of the officers and their telephone numbers.

Welcoming Committee: R. Brewer for K. Brewer. No report on Welcoming, however stated that Kathy had checked into a free standing mail box on a corner for residents. All residents would have to sign a petition requesting same and if it were to be granted, there would be no mail pickup at the resident mail box. The issue is dropped. As to Deed Restrictions, Kathy has contacted several realtors and some have agreed to place "Deed Restricted" signs on their "For Sale" signs and some refused. The association has signs that state "Deed Restricted," and Kathy will start placing same on "For Sale" signs.

Membership: K. Schery has had one request for an application for membership.

NOTE: At this point there was a request from the floor that discussion be allowed after each report. S. Whitmarsh stated that after all reports are given there will be time allotted for discussion.

Security: M. Whitehead stated that anyone with a problem can feel free to call his home and he will check it out. Mr. Whitmarsh noted that Mike has a good rapport with the teens in the subdivision and will be a good liaison.

County Affairs/CONA/Etc. S. Whitmarsh stated that Ron Hubbs will be moving out of the valley, so this is his first and last report. Ron stated he attended the meeting at the town hall and about 35 people were in attendance. CONA is working to get an amendment to the County Ordinance that will allow a person to call regarding a problem and not have to leave their name and address. Currently a name must be given to get assistance. He stated that we haven't paid our dues for a while and we need to do so. Carol Acquilante stated she may be able to attend these meeting in the future. Also, Carol stated she has been in touch with other associations regarding some of their problems. The company she works for has graciously agreed to put together a web site that will cover any association that wants to be listed. It could list problems and/or resolutions they have had, any advertisements, posting of deed restrictions, yard sales, watering restrictions, and any other points of interest to residents on our own or other associations. She will keep us posted on the creation of this site.

OLD BUSINESS: S. Whitmarsh stated that letters of appreciation have been sent to commissioners and officials involved with the building of the wall.

Discussion: S. Whitmarsh stated that Peter Lenhardt, Sr. has agreed to pay one-half of the electrical hookup for lighting the wall. The sign contractor is waiting for permits to hang the signs at Magnolia Valley and Holly Bay entrances. We also need a park sign on the left of the park entrance. He also would like two portable signs for announcements to be placed at the exits of Magnolia Valley and Holly Bay so that residents can be notified of upcoming events. Discussion followed. Ed Winter from the floor requested a sign that notifies drivers on Massachusetts Avenue that there is a blind entrance at Magnolia Valley Drive. S. Whitmarsh stated he will check into having this sign placed. K. Mahan suggested a convex mirror be placed at the exit of Magnolia Valley Drive that will allow viewing of oncoming cars from the east on Massachusetts Avenue.

H. Bregman from the floor asked if residents can remain anonymous when placing complaints with the sheriff's office. J. Kratofil stated that if a caller advises they do not want a patrol car at the complainants home, a "be on the lookout" call (BOL) will be sent out to check out any suspicious conduct. This will be a no contact call. Discussion followed.

S. Whitmarsh discussed plantings at the entrances and requested anyone interested in helping contact him. There are restrictions on what can be planted that will need to followed. Discussion followed regarding water and electricity at the entrance.

C. Acquilante suggested that perhaps there could be an annual or semi-annual yard sale for the entire subdivision to help eliminate the many individual yard sales per year. Perhaps this could be held in the park. She also suggested more utilization of the park for the residents, perhaps small concerts, Easter egg hunt for children and other various speciality parties throughout the year. Discussion.

R. Brewer suggested a sand box in Lechey Park for children off to the side of the basketball court. A box could be made with 2"x6"'s. He also requested a "No Parking" sign be erected to keep cars off of the park.

Phil Larkin from the floor discussed children playing in the street and drivers speeding in the subdivision. It was

noted that a resident can place a "Children Playing" sign at their yard. Ed Winter from the floor discussed the portable basketball courts being placed at the end of the driveways rather than up next to the homes, the kids with skate board jumps in the street, etc. Mr. Winter also stated there is a problem with flooding during rain at the corner of Betula and Magnolia Valley Drive of 5" to 6" of water. It was noted that the drains are too small to allow proper drainage.

S. Whitmarsh stated that plans are in progress to organize CPA courses for valley residents.

Mr. Winter asked if there is a bus stop for Magnolia Valley (public transportation). It was noted that the subdivision is not a scheduled stop, but the Pasco County shuttle can be called and the public transportation will come to a residence and pick up anyone that needs transportation. There are scheduled stops to the malls, etc. Also a bus route is available at the public library.

There were various issues being discussed among board members and residents in attendance simultaneously including a "drug house" on Live Oak that could possibly still be giving a problem. This is a matter for the Sheriff's Department to handle.

A request from the floor to have the "NERO Builder" sign be removed. S. Whitmarsh will look into it. Also, a statement from the floor thanking the Board for posting the date of the Board Meeting on a sign at the exits to Magnolia Valley. More discussion on signs followed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Mahan, Secretary.