

Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors  
VGHOA – July 24, 2006

Directors Present: Dave Horton, Linda Suite, Lori Johnson, Craig Hardin and Steve Shore plus Rick Neher, management representative.

President Horton convened the meeting at his home at 7:30pm. He introduced special guest Officer Steve Duckworth of the Apex Police Department. The Department is asking officers to “adopt” neighborhoods in order to become better acquainted with residents and safety issues. Officer Duckworth’s email is [steve.duckworth@apexnc.org](mailto:steve.duckworth@apexnc.org) and the non-emergency number to reach him is 362-8661. He provided some information on the Community Watch program and information about how to find examples of municipal codes. He commented that Apex neighborhood crimes are mostly about “opportunity” when cars are left unlocked or garages left open. The Board thanked Officer Duckworth for attending the meeting.

The Board reviewed the budget and financial report for January – June 2006 showing \$1,784.94 in cash on hand, negative net income for the 6-month period of \$1,923.05. This is normal in the cash flow for the Association at this time of year and is actually less than the projected shortfall in the budget. A CD in the amount of \$10,000 will mature on 8/27/06 and will be reinvested at what is expected to be a higher rate of return than the current 3.3%. The Board accepted the report as submitted.

#### Old Business

The drainage work around the basketball court seems to be working well; the contractor will be asked to replace the pine straw that was disturbed by digging the trench. Janet Horton has nearly completed updating the neighborhood directory and it will be re-printed for distribution soon. The directory will not be posted on the website.

#### New Business

In anticipation of a fall volunteer date, several projects were mentioned: painting playground equipment and painting the boy’s/men’s bathroom at the pool. Benches have been power washed and will be re-stained. There was a discussion about the condition of the floor and walls in the boy’s/men’s bathroom and reports of odors. The pool crew sanitizes the bathrooms each day but this does not address cleaning; no further action was taken on this matter in consideration of painting in the fall and possibly other repairs that may be needed.

The Board discussed up to 3 new lights at the park to deter after hours vandalism. Directors approved mounting one new light over the parking lot with notification being made to the affected families on Beringer Place. The cost of the light is \$26/month. The Board approved a load of sand to be delivered and spread on the playground at a cost of material and labor not to exceed \$700.

The bushes along the pool fence fronting Beringer Place will be trimmed by the grounds contractor. The English family will be asked about a timetable for removing the dead tree on the corner of E. St. Helena Place.

The Board discussed at length the situation of parking cars and other vehicles including commercial and recreational vehicles on lots and in the streets of the neighborhood. There are issues of safety, esthetic appearance and common sense that are involved with this issue and the existing covenant rules were reviewed. The Town of Apex may also have an ordinance in place that affects parking vehicles on streets and this will be investigated. The Board approved one action to require that any recreational vehicles parked on lots in accordance with the covenants be on a cement pad. Neher will inform a prospective rental tenant that the Board has declined a request to park a 25-foot commercial vehicle on the affected lot on E. St. Helena.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Submitted by: Steve Shore, Secretary