

MINUTES

Schieveling Plantation Homeowner's Association Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, September 16th, 2010, at the Clubhouse

Officers in attendance: Todd Dunagan, President; Jim Hughes, Treasurer;
Caroline Fossi, Secretary

Absent: Linda Spates, HOA VP

Committee Updates

- **Architectural Review Board (ARB)**

(Committee Chair Billy Hughes was unable to attend the meeting. Todd Dunagan spoke on his behalf.)

- There is a potential buyer for the vacant lot at the corner of Shem Butler and Rhett Butler, and the property is being surveyed.

- **Maintenance & Grounds Committee**

(Committee Chair Carolyn Hughes was unable to attend the meeting. Todd Dunagan spoke on her behalf)

- The Board has received some complaints about the HOA's landscaping company, Dabney & Sons. After sending a letter to Dabney outlining the community's main concerns, it seems the company has been more responsive in recent weeks.
- The Board and Grounds Chair also are trying to find the best solution to prohibiting standing/stagnant water in the neighborhood's drainage ditches. Issues include high costs and finding the appropriate contractor for the job. A meeting attendee mentioned that Charleston County might be able to help.
- A pest control company recently sprayed for mosquitoes in the neighborhood.

- **Welcome/Hospitality Committee - Sandy Bray**

- April and May were a busy time in Schieveling Plantation, with a number of new residents moving in.
- The community has 5 active listings and a contract on one house.

- **Social Committee – Lauren Pittard**

- Lauren is seeking volunteers to serve on the social committee. Please contact her at 718-1859 or laurenpittard@yahoo.com if interested.
- Recent community activities organized by this committee included a 4th of July parade, an afternoon tea, a Bunco card-game night, and a “progressive” wine tasting and dinner.
- Upcoming events in October include a Ladies' Night; a “Sip 'N Shop” benefiting Harper Drolet; and possibly a Fall Festival on Halloween, provided enough volunteers are available to help out.

- **Pool Committee**

(Committee Chair Alice King was unable to attend the meeting. Todd Dunagan and Jim Hughes spoke on her behalf.)

- Decking around pool is crumbling in some spots. The HOA addressed the same issue several years ago, but the work isn't holding up. It's unclear whether the problem lies in the original construction of the pool, or in the repair work. The Pool Committee is looking in to the issue.
- A meeting attendee asked about the prevalence of bees around the pool deck. Jim Hughes said that a pest control worker recently surveyed the bee activity, but was unable to find the nest. The worker said it is tough to control bees unless a nest is located.
- The Schieveling pool closes Sept. 30.
- **Compliance Committee – vacant**
 - After a disagreement over a recent Board decision on a compliance matter, Glen Zimmerman recently stepped down as Compliance Chair.
 - The Board and neighbors wish to thank Glen for his tireless, passionate work in this role, which has helped make Schieveling an attractive, safe place to live.
 - The compliance announcement sparked a spirited debate. Several meeting attendees expressed concerns over Glen's resignation and wondered how Schieveling's rules would be enforced going forward. Others worried that property values would fall.
 - “Some people don't care that we have covenants,” one resident said.
 - “They get uppity when we try to enforce them.”
 - “Will we see a decline in the neighborhood because of rules being broken?” another resident asked.
 - Board Treasurer Jim Hughes noted that Schieveling has a handful of “repeat offenders” when it comes to breaking neighborhood rules. “It's not a systemic problem,” he said. In the rare cases where residents have been taken to court over HOA infractions, the judge has sided with the HOA, he added.
 - HOA President Todd Dunagan stressed that the Board takes the compliance role seriously and that Glen's resignation stemmed, in part, from misunderstandings and a breakdown in communication between both the Board and the Committee Chair.
 - He also noted that the Board and Committee chairs are working on a volunteer basis and that they do the best they can to meet the community's needs, while also juggling family and work obligations.
 - The Board plans to hold another meeting in the near future to discuss how to handle compliance issues going forward. The meeting will be open to all neighbors who wish to attend. Among the ideas that may be discussed are assigning compliance “monitors” on a street-by-street basis; creating an electronic tracking system for violations; and streamlining communications between the Board and compliance volunteers.

- **Clubhouse Committee - Linda Oxford**
 - The Clubhouse has several rentals on the books, including a wedding.
 - The cleaning crew recently asked that renters and other clubhouse users avoid using tea lights, because of the waxy residue they leave behind.

- **Playground Committee - Wendy Ketchum**
 - Thanks to the group of neighborhood volunteers who recently cleaned and fixed up the playground area and equipment. Among their accomplishments:
 - Pressure washed playground structure, which Kevin Wren volunteered to do using environmentally safe cleaning solution
 - Pulled weeds & raked areas to level out mulch
 - Hammered in nails that had popped out on climbing area of play set
 - Sanded and stained playground equipment using redwood stain donated by John LaVerne
 - Spread additional ground cover/mulch donated by Charles Tremann
 - Replaced tire-swing tire, donated by Glen Zimmerman
 - The committee will hold another meeting when the weather cools down, to discuss future needs of the playground area.

- **Budget - Jim Hughes**
 - Schieveling Plantation's budget is in good shape overall, and there are no plans to increase the \$400/year dues. The next step is to vote on a 2010-2011 budget.

Other Business

Discussed holding a Fall Yard Sale in Schieveling Plantation. Trying to gauge whether there is enough interest and, if so, to pick a date.

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