

Estudillo Homeowner Association Board Minutes  
August 19, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded and distributed to board by Sarah Nash 9/15/09

In attendance:

Johanne Dictor, President  
Susan Young, Vice President  
Stephen Cassidy, Scholarship Chair  
Cary Dictor, Newsletter Editor  
Matt Jones, Welcoming Chair  
Sarah Nash, Interim Secretary

Absent:

Len Reppond, Treasurer

A. General business

1. Approval of July 15's meeting minutes.
2. Treasurer's report of bank balance (relayed by Johanne): \$7,370.24.
3. Sarah Nash approved as secretary.
4. Sarah to post opening for Beautification Chair on EHOA Yahoo group.

B. Membership

1. Motion by Johanne to collect membership fee from newcomers before allowing them to join Yahoo Group.
  - a. discussion of logistical difficulties: how to keep track of renewals (matching individual member to Yahoo ID); methods of payment (Paypal vs. mail).
2. Stephen offered to write proposal that justifies requiring membership fee to newcomers while only asking for renewal from existing members. He will email Board the proposal.

C. Frequency of EHOA meetings

1. Due to the need for more time to conduct Board business thoroughly and to provide high-quality agendas and speakers at public EHOA meetings, the frequency of public meetings will be reduced to once per quarter, with the next one occurring in November. The Board will continue to meet monthly and take advantage of the full two-hour meeting time.

D. EHOA website

1. Cary Dictor reported that Brian Murrell is on-board with re-creating the EHOA website. In addition to updated content, the new website will offer Paypal service for memberships and pdfs of newsletter postings. It will be hosted free of charge on a new domain.

E. School donations

1. In light of recent deep budget cuts, Stephen Cassidy put forward a motion to grant \$500 unrestricted to Washington Elementary, \$500 to Roosevelt Elementary, and \$500 to Bancroft school, plus \$500 to the newly formed San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED). In addition, he proposed that EHOA

offer to contribute one-half or \$1200 of the cost of replacing Washington's slide, recently damaged by vandalism.

- a. Johanne supported the individual school donations but felt that SLED leader Deborah Cox should make an appeal directly to the Board.
- b. Cary seconded. Board approved

#### F. EHOA Yahoo group rules

1. Discussion of changing Yahoo Group guidelines to allow national political debates rather than just local (this discussion emanated from recent email exchanges on Yahoo Group regarding national healthcare).
2. Cary and Johanne supported the change for the following reasons:
  - a. It would promote an expanded exchange of ideas.
  - b. The line between local and national issues is too fine allow discussion of one and not the other.
3. Stephen motioned to do a Yahoo poll of the group asking whether they would like to change the Yahoo rules to allow national political discussion.
4. Issue tabled.

#### G. Next public meeting

1. Johanne will invite Officer Ian Willis to speak at the next EHOA meeting and invite other homeowner groups to attend, including Bay-O-Vista, BNA, and Best Manor.
  - a. Common issues of concern among homeowner groups are:
    - downtown economy
    - crime, especially home invasions involving weapons
    - positive: downtown improvements

#### H. EHOA newsletter

1. Advertisers for September include Pellegrini Construction (3x)

#### I. Neighborhood improvement

1. Johanne to contact Friends of San Leandro Creek regarding illegitimate removal of eucalyptus by neighbor on Cary Drive.
2. Cary presented the "neighborhood improvement" boilerplate letter to be sent by the board to neighbors identified as needing clean-up. Letter would be sent with a photo of the property. Proposed recipients to be approved by the board. Draft of letter approved.
3. Susan has not yet approached Judy of Galvan's market regarding clean-up of her planters.
4. Johanne reported that she met with the owner of QuikStop as well as a district rep who said that they are considering removing the 24-hour sign.