# Riverview Associates, Inc. September 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

President, Keith James, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at the home of Brad and Laura Lord. Keith welcomed the large number of residents who attended the meeting.

New neighbors were acknowledged: Jack and Becky Harmon, Shawn and Dina Couglin, Stephanie Hanna, Naomi Jamison (new bride of Joe Jamison), and Jim and Cindy Kennedy.

The minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting were accepted, with a correction to the last paragraph of the minutes to include "the motion passed." All were in favor with no opposition.

#### • Treasurer's Report: Alice Macgill

Alice distributed copies of the treasurer's report; monthly statement, and the social budget. Year-to-date, 137 properties have paid their dues. Only 1 covenant signer remains outstanding and 11 non-covenant signers. Most of the non-covenant signers also did not pay last year. Second notices have been sent and the one covenant signer was sent a third notice.

No federal tax is due for last year. The Association balance at the end of August was \$64,498.74.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### Grounds and Beautification: Tom Sharon

Tom Sharon reports the same company will install the Christmas lights this year for \$1,200.00. They have given an addition 10% discount. The fall color plan has been selected for the entrance and 100-200 tulip bulbs will be planted. The sprinkler repairs at the front wall will be made at a flat rate of \$650. The yard of the month has been suspended until a new sign can be made.

Special thanks to Art Vedejs for handling the electrical issues at the front entrance.

#### • Social and Welcoming: Betty Ereckson

Betty Ereckson gave the social calendar and introduced her co-chairwoman Penny Johnson. The fall party will be at Alice Macgill's home on October 12. Everyone is to bring their food and drink. The Halloween party will be at the home of Darcy Copeland on October 27 late in the afternoon. The Christmas party is December 2 at the Atlanta Athletic Club. A disc jockey has been hired for the evening.

#### • Community Affairs: Barbara Howard / Mike Murphy

Mike Murphy reports that the UPCCA is hosting a program on September 24 for the schools in the area; Norcross, Peachtree, Simpson. The principles of these schools will be there for Q & A regarding the status of the school systems.

The last Tuesday of October there will be a UPCCA meeting regarding the concept of having a township of Peachtree Corners. Dan Weber the Dekalb county representative and Anton Rice the local representative will be in attendance. The premise is that it will be simpler to run; zoning control, local planning, and police services. The finance will be one half mil tax

base. There would also be a community improvement district plan where the businesses in the area would take over care of the Parkway and Holcomb Bridge.

A landfill facility is planned for the Button Road area of Gwinnett. The facility would be a transloading compact area and then the garbage would be removed to a more remote area. Gwinnett county commissioner, Burt Nasuti, is involved in the planning.

### • COPS: Andy McLean

Andy Mclean reported two incidents that were previously sent out in e-mails. The most recent incident, an attempted break-in, was in Amberfield on September 3. There were also three homes burglarized in East Jones Br. on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Andy has noticed over the last three weeks more police presence in Riverview.

Betty Erickson had an attempted break in on August 22 at 10:08 a.m. The rear door was kicked in, but the home alarm went off discouraging the intruders. It was emphasized that if you have an alarm system, you should use it.

Wesleyan had a lock down the first week of September due to a robbery at the Dollar Store. The Shell Station on Spalding experienced two robberies in August.

Resident, Hans Vorpahl, was robbed of \$1,980.00 after making a bank withdrawal. Hans and the Duluth police are investigating the incident further with hopes of a bank camera helping to identify the individuals suspected.

A flyer was passed out regarding the COPS Festival 2007 to be held on Tuesday, October 2 at the Gwinnett Center. Several units from the Police Department will be there as well as different branches of Gwinnett County Government. The event is free.

#### • Long Range Planning: Laura Lord – no report

#### • Old Business: Keith James

Bill Smyth reports that the county had been out several times to trim the trees blocking the light around the street lights. Keith discussed the two weekends the neighbors had gathered to do trimming and clean-up. There was good participation and much was accomplished to improve the neighborhood. Many thanks to all volunteers.

David Goodwill expressed displeasure that more limbs were trimmed off a tree on his property, which was blocking the street light. It was explained that the tree was on the county right-of-way and the Association is liable and responsible for keeping the trees cleared for safety reasons. Keith said a company would be coming soon to cut up and remove the downed tree limbs and debris.

#### **Additional Street Light Installation:**

Bill Smyth met with the representative from Georgia Power to discuss additional lighting. Nine street areas were initially identified as dark, but six have been alleviated by the tree trimming. Four more street lights are needed at a unit cost of \$415.86. Two of the lights will be installed at and across from the park, one near the

end of Riverview Drive and one at the Davis/Porter property boundary near the end of Ridgegate Dr. Bill negotiated several installation plans with Georgia Power. The project will entail trenching approximately 288 feet at \$5/foot and approximately 80 feet of boring at \$12/foot for a total of \$4,307.25 (including tax) for the project. Georgia Power will do the installation within 2 - 3 weeks. Bill Smyth made a motion to install the lights and Joe Jamison seconded. The motion was passed.

## **Street Sign Installation Update:**

Tom Sharon reported we are waiting on the County to make the green sign inserts. The funding for the purchase of the signs was previously agreed to be through a bank at a fixed interest rate of 8 34%. Since then, a resident of Riverview has offered to personally fund this project and offer a lower interest rate. This has been done previously with the same terms and conditions as the bank with no personal liabilities to the note signers. It was agreed that this is a win-win opportunity - the Executive Committee will investigate further. The county may have the signs ready for installation within the next two weeks.

## New Business

## **Covenant Enforcements:**

Properties that undergo renovations must present those plans to the Executive Committee prior to construction.

### Park Playground clean-up:

During the recent clean-up day, the park was cleaned, removed all debris and limbs.

## **Street Light Painting:**

Georgia Power will be painting all the street light poles at no cost to the Association. There are 55 lights - 11 have already been painted. When calling Georgia Power about a particular light not working, please refer to the number at eye level on each pole and the nearest street address.

#### • Other Business

At the November Association meeting a new slate of officers for the 2008 year will be presented. Those serving on the Nomination Committee are: Lanny Vaughn, Chairman, Betty Van Houten, Marilyn Ardd and J. P. Harrington. One more will be added.

The next Riverview Estates Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at the home of Linda and Lanny Vaughn, 4457 Ridgegate Drive.

With no further business Keith James adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Davis