

Riverview Association Inc.

May 13, 2008

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the home of Tom and Betty VanHouten and was called to order at 7 p.m. The Cops Briefing was the first order of business.

Cops briefing – Officer Richter

- Key education points:
 - Uninvited guests/callers Tips:
 - Let the individual know that you see him when he approaches your home.
 - Answer the phone and/or door (answer through the door) when someone contacts you to let them know you are home.
 - Alarm Tips:
 - Use your alarms – they are a great deterrent
 - False alarms charges – there is a county ordinance that states after 3 false alarms per year there is a fee. Remember to register your alarm.
 - Most of us have Panic alarms on our car or car key lock. Remember to keep a set of keys with panic button next to your bed. If you hear something, then press the panic alarm to deter intruders.
 - Cars – lock your car when they are in the driveway. Make sure the garage door openers in the car are not visible. People will break in the car to take the garage opener to get into your home – it takes 30 seconds. The door pass your garage door is probably a hollow core door and very easily broken into.
 - Summer vacation Tips:
 - Let your neighbors know your departure and arrival timeframe.
 - Get your car checked over for maintenance items
 - When on vacation don't discuss where others can hear your plans.
 - Crime occurs in a neighborhood most often from 10 pm. to 2 am.
 - Solicitation Tips:
 - If solicitors have a legal permit, you cannot stop them in your neighborhood or on your personal property.
 - The most common crime that occurs in houses under construction is the removal of copper.
 - Gang update around the Jimmy Carter/Norcross area:
 - The Gwinnett Police has combined the gang and crime suppression units under one sergeant. There is a big push to eliminate activity. The latest statistics implies it is down significantly.
 - Wellington Lakes is conducting night patrolling through paying for an off duty policeman. The officer did not believe that it would help that much. He stated that it is probably cost prohibitive and those that do make the investment typically do not apprehend anyone. In reference to the gate, it may not help unless the entire property is fenced.

General Administration updates:

- New sign in log – We have revised the log to show covenant signers; dues paid, etc.
- Review of prior meeting minutes – motion to approve – Lanny Vaughn and was seconded by Leslie Johnson

Treasure report – Mark Brannon

- ❑ Dues Update:
 - We received 14 additional dues paid in last couple of weeks.
 - Our budget in 2008 has 138 paying members. Based on how many households paid dues last year, we have had 2 homes pay this year that did not last year. We may have additional revenue in 2008.
 - We are sending the Official 2nd notice on May 23rd with the 10% late penalty.
- ❑ Expenses – have been consistent with the addition of a bereavement expense
- ❑ Bank fees – we were able to get \$75 dismissed

Grounds Committee - Tom Sharon

- ❑ New landscaping at the front requires less water and we will not use sprinkler (can only use it 21 days anyway).
- ❑ We have 2 cul-de-sacs that need work, we will do one in the fall.
- ❑ Yard of the month:
 - We have purchased a new yard of the month sign.
 - Two master gardeners will make selections
 - The May Yard of the Month is Jim and Becky **Combee** at 4376 Ridgeway Drive
- ❑ An association member expressed a concern regarding the site at stop sign on River Court at Ridgeway where vision is limited. Laura will call and ask him to trim bushes.
- ❑ Tree trimming – June is the next target
- ❑ Sign – The 25 mph slow sign on Dave Park's property would be more likely to be seen if the sign was moved from one side of the property to the other. There was discussion as to whether the sign actually is effective in slowing people down. Probably not worth the cost to have the sign moved.

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Social Committee – Christy Hilburn

- ❑ End of school party – on Friday, May 17, 2008. The flag retirement by the boy's scouts will occur at the same time.
- ❑ Women's lunch will occur the first Tuesday of each month (June 2nd). We need a host volunteer who will provide the home, desert and beverages. Women attending will bring potluck dishes.
- ❑ The men will have a poker night some time in June. Those interested should contact Christy.

Welcoming Committee – Laura Lord on behalf of Darlene Park– please contact Darlene with the names of new neighbors

Community affairs – Leslie Johnson

- ❑ UPCCA – June 23rd next meeting – political forum
- ❑ Last meeting –
 - **New Mayor of Norcross, Tom Rice, and Dan Weber were there**
 - New sign at Peachtree Corners to be erected at the split of 141 and Peachtree Industrial. Peachtree Pkwy to be called Paul Duke Pkwy
- ❑ Website address is www.upcca.com

Cops informant – Laurie Ledbetter

- ❑ Only incident – **Bob Dickson** reported all of his station wagons were broken into and only a few items were taken (credit card, etc.)
- ❑ We do not send all crime reports received from neighboring subdivisions. If the reports are not relevant for us, we do not send them.
- ❑ Reports are sent via e-mail.

Long range planning – Lanny Vaughn

- ❑ The recent newsletter outlined the covenant process.
- ❑ On May 18, 2008 there will be a covenant review of neighborhood by a committee where the documentation will include notes and pictures. Anyone found in noncompliance, we will implement a process to comply. We anticipate most will not have issues. County ordinance violations will be included in the review. There is mutual interest for all of us to have the covenants enforced because violations are a liability to all of us.
- ❑ Reporting will be done on those items that can be “seen by the street”.

Old business

- ❑ Ann Hall sent a thank you note for floral arrangement on behalf of Leon Hall
- ❑ The Newsletter looked great. A special thanks to Keith James who published it. We would like to encourage each of you to send in articles for the newsletter.
- ❑ The ALS Walk to defeat ALS will occur on Saturday, November 8th at Centennial Park. It would be nice to have Riverview attend, if anyone is interested please call Laura or Christy.
- ❑ The directory is ready and will be distributed to anyone that paid dues 07 or 08
- ❑ Property in front of Riverview- along 141 has a new realtor sign, but we have not reached the new agent. The prior realtor, Sara said she would contact him for us.

New Business

- ❑ Wellington is pursuing the gating of their neighborhood. In the past, the county said that we must be willing to participate. They are going back to the county on the matter.
- ❑ Wellington is also employing off duty officers to patrol the neighborhood and asked if we would be interested in participating with them.. No interested was shown from the members present.
- ❑ Gwinnett County clean up us this Saturday, May 17th at 8:30 a.m.
- ❑ The Gate house was struck and the brick veneer was displaced. We do have insurance for \$12k with a \$1k deductible. We are getting estimates. We have to take all brick off and replace it.
- ❑ Red light – should we canvass neighborhood for interest in a red light at our entrance.? Most present felt like we have a light available to use at the Wellington entrance. Everyone is encouraged for safety to use the light when turning north on 141. Laura Lord will contact the DOT regarding the delay at the light.
- ❑ We should consider a pursuing an acceleration lane onto 141 going north.
- ❑ Thanks to Betty and Tom VanHouten for hosting the meeting tonight.
- ❑ The next Riverview Association meeting is the second Tuesday in September 2008.

Motion to adjourn Mike Murphy and 2nd Keith James