

# Northbrook Property Owners Association

## Board & Member Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

### 1. Board Members Attending:

Sheldon Isman, President  
Stephen Haslam, Vice-President  
Ellen Ignatow, Treasurer  
Shannon Hawkins, Secretary  
Nathan Moore, District 1  
James Tisdale, District 2  
Pat Gana, District 3  
Britt Hutchison, District 4  
Mark Preslock, District 5  
Dan Smith, District 6 – absent/abstain

### 2. Committee Chairs Present:

NPOA Board, Deed Restrictions  
Shirley York & Sue Maguire, Hospitality  
Mark Preslock, Security & Traffic  
Pat Gana, Trash  
Victoria Linares, Northbrook Young Adult  
Association Liaison  
Lisa Lowenstein, Club House Rental

### 3. NPOA board and member meeting

*The board & member meeting was called to order at 705pm after refreshments.*

*The meeting was started with a special presentation by the City of Houston Solid Waste Management, Gary Redore. He gave us "The Trash Facts" sheets. City Trash will be automated and once a week. 6pm to 7am the can should be placed by the curb. Yard trimming collection is on the same day. These include bags of grass and tree trimmings. Heavy trash is monthly. This includes large tree trunks, sofas, refrigerator, etc. Freon must be removed before pick up. Heavy trash may be on a different day. Neighbors will be notified via mail, hanging door letter, newsletter, or email blast. Curb-side recycling has a waiting list. They are looking at ways to add communities to the program, possibly 2009. There are 22,000 homes on the waiting list for recycling. Some of the recycling rates are low and may be dropped. Pat can fill out paperwork and get on that waiting list. A second can may be obtained for \$7.50/month up to a total of 3 cans. Other cities have gone to semi-annual heavy trash pickup or fee for heavy trash. Most heavy trash is organic material that can be recycled. This will be alternating months of "junk month" or "green month". Landfill space is filling up and we all need to be better stewards of trash. Tags for bag allows for an additional bag of garbage for \$1. Can distribution will come to your home. Cans that are broken can be fixed by calling 311. Bags of yard waste do not need tags. Keep space between yard waste and can to allow for arm. There is no maximum amount of yard trash bags. If can is stolen, call 911 and get case number, and then call 311. They will bring another can. Delia has information regarding recycling. If we return to private trash pick up the can will be returned to the city. Christmas trees will be picked up with regular trash. There is a one time service for move in or move out. If they call 311, an extra truck will come for a move out. \$7.50 bill goes on water bill. There is a special service for physically challenged service. This is handled through 311. In case of debris collection during storm or hurricane, the mayor must declare it a storm or hurricane. The trash collection will collect all trees and other debris. If we have something out of the norm, Alice may be able to set something up. The city has contracts set up for debris clean up as well. We will need to let them know by September 1, 2008.*

#### A. Approve June Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes were approved via email.

#### B. Financial Report

a. Ellen passed out a financial report. It is business as usual. She has made arrangements with some people who haven't paid.

#### C. Deed restrictions

- a. Some people have been out in the neighborhood verifying deed restriction violations. The beautification cards will be sent out as a friendly reminder. These cards were made by Pricilla Rose. After 30 days, another letter goes out as a stronger reminder.
  - b. Jereme brought up that the procedure overall takes too long as 120 days. We will fix this miscommunication in the previous minutes.
  - c. Complaints can be made via email.
  - d. Priscilla Rose brought up that sometimes we need a neutral voice to take action on some eye sores in the neighborhood.
- D. **Sewer repair**
- a. We all need to have patience regarding repairs. They say it will be another 6 months. Sheldon contacted the supervisor to weld fences before Friday. They have been asked to clean up their mess. We will now be coming up with a plan to do our fences, the dirt, and pool, etc without waiting for them. Please email Stephen regarding any items that need to clean up.
  - b. The sewers and utilities in our greenways have needed repair for several years. They have been neglected for 10 years.
- E. **Fence project**
- a. We need to go ahead with the fence project. Aries doesn't do payment plans. They will take ½ up front and ½ in September.
- F. **Neighbor responses**
- a. Delia thanked the board for doing a great job.

Meeting was adjourned at 805pm.