

## **Annual Wild Rose Meadow Association Meeting**

**February 7, 2013**

### **Meeting Minutes**

*Present: Linda, Tammy, Jami, Vicki, Tracy, Jana, Issa, Megan, Annie, Cindy, Elaine, John, Fabrice, Casey, Rose, Ken, Eros, Marilyn, and Jeannie Beck (from OPAL)*

### **Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves, including any of their cluster roles or committees they are on.

### **WRM Social Gathering**

To be held September 15 – Tracy volunteered to help organize it and Fabrice offered to play music and be helpful. Anybody that is interested in being involved can contact Tracy or Fabrice. Location will be towards the front of the neighborhood this year. Vicki pointed out that we need to be sure to respect the wetlands.

### **Neighborhood Yard Sale**

Megan and Issa volunteered to help, and it was suggested that Bari might be interested as well. These yard sale coordinators plan to draw up guidelines, set the date(s) and advertise. The goal is a more effective way to have multi-family yard sales rather than many individual ones.

### **Signage**

Speeding on Rosehip Rd continues to be a problem. The Board proposed more signage - hand painted signs might be more effective. Carla told Issa that she was interested in helping with this. Supplies for this can come out of our budget. We also discussed the need for signage around the wetlands. Tracy suggested also getting a sign that explains the story of the wetlands. Issa hopes

that someday we will invest in a large wooden sign for the entrance. Signage about the speed and playground should be placed near the entrance of the southern South Cluster parking lot, and an additional sign about children at play sign in the in the back of the neighborhood might be warranted.

### **Playground Committee**

This committee is composed of Bari, Keston, and Tammy (still hoping for someone from east cluster). They have drafted rules of the playground (in process), which will be presented soon to the East and West clusters for approval. Playground fencing was discussed. Bari has procured a section of highway guard rail to place along the road, but it needs to be transported on-island. Bids are being collected to see what costs would be involved for a 4-foot tall, metal-grid fence constructed with or without volunteer labor. Use of discretionary funds would have to be approved by the neighborhood. Placement next to the road was because the proposed location in the orchard didn't work for the Vinsons. Tracy noted that no vote or community input seemed to be part of locating the play structure. Could the structure be moved to a safer place? Cindy noted that we don't seem to have lots of extra money to pay for fencing and suggested that parents should pay for the fencing themselves. Vicki said she would support the community paying for one stretch of fence along the road. Ken noted that the playground is an attraction for children and it is a liability without a fence, leaving homeowners exposed. Linda said re-location should be considered. Tammy pointed out that the current location doesn't bother any neighbors near it, so if the community won't pay for the fencing, then perhaps the playground committee could fund raise for it.

### **Grounds Committee**

Vicki reported on caring for the grounds. We need to steward the sections of berm near our own houses. Please keep them weeded and watered. The front area of the neighborhood is wetland buffer zone of the wetland. Recommendation was to keep this area hand-tended as much as possible (instead of weed-eating it) to keep out the invasive species and encourage the native plantings. Department of Ecology monitors our progress every few years to make

sure we are in compliance and making progress towards the specific goals that they have determined for desired woody-stemmed plant ratios. OPAL pays for these assessments. Vicki will organize weed eating as needed, and call for work parties if appropriate. Chips that arrived today are freebies from the County. John ordered County chips for the Garden and Orchard two years ago. Austen was involved in felling a tree with the County today, and got them to deliver the free chips to our neighborhood. Besides placing these chips where needed, a priority is to order more wood chips with money budgeted for 2013 for the East and South clusters to spread on their berms. The West cluster got wood chips for their berms in 2012. The South/East clusters can organize the chip order and delivery (or pick-up) whenever they are ready for them. *[Postscript: A team spread many of the free chips from the County on the southern walkways near the bridge and wetlands. Some of these chips were also spread on berms in the East cluster, as well as at the Playground and along the walkway on the west edge of the neighborhood. We do still need to order more in 2013 for various neighborhood berms.]*

### **Proposed Budget for 2013**

We have a reserve of \$2,305.86. Tammy is working on the budget for 2013, which will be included with the minutes. We need to clarify if the \$2K includes the fees collected last month or not. Discussed adding snow plowing services to the budget. Cindy will get bids, and we approved a ceiling of \$400 cost to be in the budget and a trigger point of 4 inches to warrant plowing. Tammy will get the complete 2012 numbers to us. We added \$100 for social gathering and \$100 for the signage to the 2013 budget. The budget was approved. Vicki asked for a timeline for the fencing project. Tammy said that the playground committee will have options to propose for fencing by March 1.

### **CC&Rs and Bylaws Review committee**

Elaine, Vicki, Tammy, Jim, Cindy and Eros will hold meetings and are taking suggestions for additions and revisions for our CC&Rs and Bylaws. Any revisions

will come back to the full association for approval. We might not need to make changes again for years to come, or there may need to be yet another round of changes a few years from now. The committee meetings will be between the 6 members of the committee, but the entire neighborhood is invited and encouraged to submit their ideas for revisions to the committee asap.

### **Reminders:**

All households need to please put up reflective house numbers, requested by the fire department.

Clean up after your dog! Cindy said she can always be contacts if there seems to be droppings around the corner of their parking lot near her house, as they might be from her dog.

### **Taxi Business**

The Board is addressing the concerns brought to us regarding the Taxi business, and is working on a resolution which is reasonable for all parties. Linda said that there was nothing to report to the wider community at this time.

### **Takeaways:**

*Cindy – Will call Norm and Ian Harlow about getting quotes for snow plowing our asphalt roads and parking lots.*

*Tammy – Will prepare and email everybody the complete 2013 budget with the 2012 actuals included.*

*Tammy – The Playground Committee will get a fencing proposal for the neighborhood to review by March 1. The proposal will include a street-side and a fully-enclosed fence, as well as fully contracted versus partial volunteer labor.*

*Issa, Carla, Vicki – Signage project*

*Tammy, Bari, Keston – Distribute playground rules for approval & prepare fencing proposals*

*Jami – Help collect fencing bids*

*Vicki – Organize wetland and grounds weed-eating and work parties as needed*

*Elaine, Vicki, Tammy, Jim, Eros, Cindy – Review CCRs & Bylaws and propose additions and edits*

*WRM Board – Respond to complaints about the Taxi Business*

*Tracy & Fabrice- Coordinate the social gathering on Sept 15*

*Bari, Megan, & Issa – Organize neighborhood yard sale(s)*

*South/East clusters – Organize an order for wood chips and spread them in their berms*

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Mitchell

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