

Briarcreek Neighborhood Association Minutes

November 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Dan Orza at 7:05 pm. Fifteen neighbors were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed by Robert Ross and approved as submitted.

President Dan Orza reported on the Briarcreek Neighbors Night Out party held in September and encouraged neighbors to view pictures of the event on the briarcreekonline neighborhood website. Gary Brown was thanked for his work on the neighborhood website - posting community events and notices to keep our residents informed. Dan suggested we send an email to residents encouraging them to participate in our Christmas lighting contest and future Yard of the Month contests. Dan would also like to see a Yard of the Month committee formed for the purpose of choosing and awarding future winners. New neighbor, Rick Goodsen, commented that Briarcreek's well-maintained yards and neighborhood appearance attracted his family to our neighborhood and influenced their buying decision.

Dan commented on the crime report which listed no crimes in our area during the previous months. We discussed the recent car vandalism spree which, according to Sgt. Epperly of the police department, included a large area of northwest Oklahoma City and occurred all on the same evening.

Dan asked for an update on the decorative lighting poles project. Susie Brown reported that the process had been quite cumbersome but she would continue to work on getting the process completed through the City Engineers and OG&E. The new poles would cost approximately \$560 to \$600 a piece and would include about 29 poles. Total cost would be around \$13,000 to \$15,000 and the board's desire is to acquire corporate donations for the project. Once the project is approved we can set up a 501(c)3 through the Neighborhood Alliance so that all contributions are tax deductible.

Next, we discussed the issue of installing a water meter along Rockwell so that we would no longer need to tap into neighbors water lines in order to water our entrances and Rockwell landscaping. Susie Brown explained that after contacting several contractors, we were able to receive three bids. The board recommended we go with the bids provided by Brett's Backhoe. The cost for phase one (excavating for the waterline, laying the line, installing a backwater valve, building a copper riser assembly, and installing a cover for landscaping on a cement base) would be \$1,600. When phase one is complete it must be inspected by the city before phase two could begin. Phase two (excavating to the water main, prepare the main, saddle main, install a corp stop to saddle, tap the main, run copper from the corp stop to meter setter, install copper end piece, and set meter) will cost \$1,250 and the city inspector must be on site for this phase. There would be an additional cost of approximately \$282.00 for permits and fees required by the City. The total estimated cost of installation is \$3,132.00. This discussion was followed by a brief explanation of our current drip system and what we would need to do once the meter was installed. Treasurer, Robert Ross asked for an approval of up to \$4,000.00 to cover any unforeseen complications and additional costs of connecting the drip system. Dan Orza called for a vote to approve the installation of the water meter. The issue passed with unanimous approval.

Susie Brown mentioned our Pay It Forward Committee and being aware of any neighbor with needs during the holidays. A request for help can be sent to our info@briarcreekonline.com.

Dan Orza thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.