

ARMOUR HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 17, 2010

Present

Steve Parker
David Pucci
Andrew Snyder
Mary Yzon
Joe Coyle

Absent

Mary Hutchison

Guests

Craig Kuhn
Tiffany Moore
Bing Yzon
Tate Owens
Lindsay Snyder

Steve Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00. Guests were introduced and the February minutes were approved unanimously.

The board unanimously agreed to donate \$1,000 to the reward fund for information regarding the Waldo rapist. The contribution goes to UMB Bank, and the Police Department is responsible for sending out the Press Release. Stephen Parker said he believed this would be excellent PR as he has received many requests for comment from the press.

Stephen Parker said he also researched the possibility of having private security patrols in Armour Hills to help residents feel safer. He said Armour Fields uses Chelsea Brown, which also does many other HOAs. He had not received any price information from them. He said off-duty KC police officers can also be hired to patrol the neighborhood, but they are less visible because they must use their own cars. KC officers charge \$18 an hour. The one main difference is that an off-duty cop can make an arrest or pursue a suspect if something happens while they are working off-duty.

It was discussed that many HOA, including Armour Fields and Westwood, have a separate voluntary assessment that is used to pay for the security. Mary Yzon and Stephen Parker believed that participation in the voluntary assessment was quite high in these neighborhoods. Craig Kuhn said that Armour Hills did use private security once, but interest dwindled and it was discontinued.

Joe Coyle said he supported hiring private security because the fear in the neighborhood is high. At least one neighbor, who is a single female, has moved out and won't return until he is apprehended. Similar stories were relayed by other attendees that woman, if home alone, are staying at friends or relatives but not in the neighborhood.

The board discussed asking residents in a survey if they would be willing to support a voluntary assessment for security patrols. It was agreed that a mailed survey should also include other topics such as would residents support an increase in dues to pay for snow plowing or leaf removal. Mary Yzon said she would put some draft questions together.

Pending the results of the survey, the board voted to approve three months of security, at a cost of up to \$4,500, with the preference to use Kansas City police officers. The board could then reassess using private security going forward. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Kuhn passed out information for those interested about a service that will make people's doors impossible to kick in.

Stephen Parker told the board he has asked Andrea Newman to screen all Armour Hills wide emails through him. The comment was raised by Joe Coyle and Andy Snyder regarding messages sent by Newman about the Waldo Rapist after the February attack.

The board unanimously approved renewing its Errors and Omissions insurance coverage through Cincinnati Insurance, as recommended by the KCHA. The rate is \$750 a year, which is an increase from the past few years.

Mary Yzon said she was moving the website's host to allow other people to update the information as needed. She believed this would be done by the April meeting.

Stephen Parker said Hermes had still not replied to his request for a bid for snow removal.

Mary Yzon reported that the Farnhams will be doing the bake sale this year. She also said that no dog social is currently scheduled for the park.

Mary Yzon passed along the Arbor Villa park report from Pete Egan. The city has decided to limit mowings at the park to every 21 days to reduce costs. Pete said that John Sturke will fill in the gaps if additional mowings are necessary at a rate of \$95 per mowing.

Pete reported that the pool will be open from June 13 to August 7, and Armour Hills will pay for one additional week of the pool to August 14. The board unanimously approved the added expenses of the additional mowings and the extra week of the pool. A request by the city for Armour Hills to pay half or a proposed repainting of the pool was tabled until the exact cost and the need for the painting could be determined.

Stephen Parker expressed dissatisfaction with the late publication of the Clarion. The Clarion was delayed because the printing company changed ownership and not know the order had been placed. The board also discussed issues with proofreading and out-of-date content in the Clarion. The board agreed to give Sadie Johnson a specific timeline as to when future Clarions must be submitted to the board for review and subsequently mailed.

There were no other committee reports. The meeting adjourned to enjoy snacks and beverages.