

Bentana Woods West Cluster Board Meeting  
Date: December 3, 2013

Attending:

Eileen DuBose, JoAnne Henck, Jane LeGros, Danielle Reed, Becky Totten and Bill Wagner. Absent: Mark Jones. Also attending: Martin Dapot, Michele and Andy Creemer

**The meeting was called to order** by President DuBose at 7:40p.

**Resident's Forum.** The Creemers were present to learn of any decision by the Board on their tree and drainage issue.

**Minutes of November meeting:** Minutes were reviewed and several corrections were noted. Secretary LeGros will edit and then email to Board members, our Management company, and the manager of the BWWCA website.

**The Landscape Committee.** The report was handed out and given to the Board; The Committee requested an expenditure not to exceed \$1000 for replacement trees on the Farsta Court islands. Director LeGros stated the reasons for the tree choice. The Board approved this expense. It was also stated that Meadows had not arrived last week to plant the remaining tree from the original design behind the Kellegher house or on Scandia One, but the work had commenced earlier that day with Director LeGros and Martin Dapot in attendance.

**The Treasurer's Report** was accepted as presented. Director Wagner stated that some of the report is still not as clear as he would like it. He will contact TWC to discuss more options. Treasure to follow up with TWC Management on the overdue cluster dues after the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month; if residents are still in arrears, letters will be sent to them to request their presence at the January Board meeting.

**Communications Committee Report.** Director Reed told the Board that the committee has chosen Sundays at 7:00p at her home for their monthly sessions; we are welcome to attend. First item mentioned was the purchase of Christmas cards to be hand delivered to cluster residents. The Board highly approved of this idea. Regarding 'in cluster' communications, we discussed 'net meetings and have to figure out the direction to take. We learned that all the BWWCA websites all now point to the correct one. We were encouraged to accept an invitation to "Next Door" which would be used for items for sale, give-aways, babysitters, handyman referrals, etc. so that our newsletters would have other information with a broader perspective.

**Old Business**

**Trash can in the small tot lot.** President DuBose to talk with Amy Bossie for the specifics on this as we will need to ask for volunteers to assist on a regular basis.

**Deck stain concern on Park Glen.** Home owners were relieved to learn that they have some time to take care of this and they will submit a new application so that RA does not harass. The Communications Committee will follow up.

**Farsta Court Drainage Issue.** Director Henck addressed the Creemer's with information she obtained from several sources: Fairfax Water, a general contractor and a plumber. The consensus was that without seeing the tree roots encased around and in the pipe, there was no way for the Board to know that the tree caused the problem. Director Wagner also spoke with James Martin, from Growing Earth Tree Care, who said the roots could not break a solid pipe. He also mentioned that sometimes trees can be root pruned but the determination was made that it would not be in anyone's best interest to have that performed with this large a tree. The sidewalk sections and curbing were mentioned. However replacement of these sections was due to old age, not the tree roots. One section of sidewalk is elevated somewhat, but sidewalks are elevated elsewhere in the cluster with no trees present. It was also mentioned that insurance agencies do not cover the water or sewer lines beyond the foundation of the home. Dominion Power does offer coverage and we were all encouraged to visit their website. At this point, the Board agreed to review all the facts and to contact the R. A. Arborist, and a second independent arborist. Martin Dapot stated that he has records of the original Creemer claim. He will search for those to check the verbage on a letter. The question of the tree the Creemers have in their front yard arose as to whether RA would have them remove that as the yard is so small.

**Scandia Disturbance Issue.** Resolved for now.

**Striping of Parking Space at Far End of Scandia.** Completed. Space will no longer be used for parking a car.

**Leaf Dumping on Farsta:** Leaves were being dumped on to the cluster behind 1504 Farsta; they were advised that this was against regulations.

**Next Meeting Date.** The January meeting will be held at the home of Director LeGros on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:55p