

FOOTHILL KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
2014 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Foothill Knolls Homeowners Association was called to order at 7:20 pm on December 14, 2014, at Veterans Memorial Hall, Pleasanton, CA by our co-presidents Derek Perez and Scott Ose. There were 51 homeowners in attendance.

Derek welcomed the participants and introduced the Board – Calli Sullivan, Secretary, Diane McRae, Treasurer and Paula Parisi, Social Chairman.

New Families were introduced/announced – Piper/Farrell, Geronimo/Hartnell, (both families in attendance) and Scaramuzzo, Yamashita and Betts/DaCosta (not present).

Gina Piper and Paula Parisi will assume roles on the board, either as Secretary or Social Chairman next year. No vote was taken. (It was decided later that Gina Piper will take over as Secretary and Paula Parisi would remain Social Chairman.)

Upcoming events are the Luminarias on Christmas Eve at 9:30 am, and we will continue with the Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sale, Movie Night, Block Party, and perhaps add a Progressive Dinner next year.

We now have a g-mail account, foothillknolls@gmail.com. Future mailings will go out under that account name. We will not be doing flyers henceforth, and will do E-vites for future events.

Juliette Goodrich was thanked for organizing the Movie Night.

Paula Parisi was thanked for organizing this meeting/party.

Budget – Scott Ose pointed out that we spend about 50% of the budget on Social events.

Diane passed out the Expense Report and Proposed Budget for review. Our insurance company tried to raise our rate, so we changed carriers and saved approximately \$1000.

It was proposed by Tanya Perez that we increase the budget by \$300 for next year for Holiday decorations for the “monuments” at the entrance. It was voted and passed.

Jessica Fox proposed that before we approve the budget, we discuss funding HD cameras, in light of the recent attempted break-in at her home.

Derek reminded the group that any outside home improvements must be approved by the Architectural Review Board (Greg Hitchan and Phil Marshall). This information is in the CC&R's which can be read on our website, www.foothillknolls.com. It was also suggested that you inform your neighbors of any proposed projects you are going to undertake.

We went back to the Neighborhood Watch/Security subject. Derek asked if anyone would like to guess how many break-ins we've had in the last year. The answer is none (though we've been lucky and there were a lot in the past). The Foxes incident last weekend was the only one we've had in the past two years. Derek did some research on his own and also contacted the PPD. We CANNOT have a gate installed but we CAN have cameras. Laguna Oaks has 20 or so, and they have had 17 arrests in the last 4 years. PPD said they looked at the HD camera footage and have made arrests based on it. There are signs in Laguna Oaks stating that they have cameras.

Derek proposed we have a Neighborhood Watch meeting in January (first week), and set aside funds to have cameras installed.

Prevention is key, cameras may not deter criminals.

Derek reported that the police said the best position for a camera is on the corner of Foothill Knolls Drive and Prairie Drive.

We should ask the PPD where/what system is what we need. We should ask PPD and a Security expert (if they have one) to the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Calli Sullivan reported that the PPD will come to your home and do individual security assessments. They also do vacation checks. Contact PPD if you need these services.

In the past, Bay Alarm or ADT has done group discounts for security systems. This could be revisited if enough people are interested.

The number of solicitors and construction workers in the neighborhood is large right now. It was suggested that residents post "no soliciting" signs. Anyone soliciting is required to have a permit. Notify PPD if they do not.

Derek said that we would try to schedule the Neighborhood Watch meeting the first week in January and would check to see if we could use the Laguna Oaks clubroom for that. The funds to be allocated for Security will be voted on after an assessment of our needs is made based on the meeting. Terry McGrath suggested that when the neighbors are informed of the date/time of the meeting that they may submit questions to be discussed by the PPD, and the PPD receive the questions ahead of time so that they can come prepared.

Racoon Hollow residents also reminded us to include that street on any Security assessments.

There was an inquiry about locks for our mailboxes. The locks are not made any more. We should add check fraud/mail theft to the agenda for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

“Not a Through Street” sign was suggested, but Derek said that because there are numerous streets, we can’t have one. “No Outlet” might be okayed.

It was proposed that we increase the discretionary fund to \$10,000 but was not voted until we have a new Budget vote following the Neighborhood Watch meeting. The proposed budget for next year was not approved. We need a quorum, and will use e-mail or an on-line survey program to get votes to pass the budget.

Marina Martin reported that the Charity Drive was a big success. We adopted six families from the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and Valley View school. Twenty-one families participated.

TJ McGrath thanked the Board for all their work over the year.

The budget was held and will be revisited after the Neighborhood Watch meeting. Scott will follow up with the Foxes as to what transpired at this meeting after Jessica left.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calli Sullivan