



**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESTONWOOD FOREST MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. AT 13702 PRESTONWOOD FOREST DR., HOUSTON, TEXAS.**

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM** – Quorum was established with the following Directors present: President Steve Jackson; Vice President Gloria Goodwin, Treasurer Tom Downey, Secretary Dottie Reading; Director Levy Bouligny, Director Mark White, Director Luis Dunavin, and Director Larry Hogan. Director Gene Dirks and Sherri Carey, High Sierra Management representative were not present.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Vice President Gloria Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and asked Constable Cook to proceed with the Constable's report while awaiting the arrival of President Steve Jackson.

**CONSTABLE'S REPORT** – Constable Cook presented the September 2014 Contract Activity Statistical report and addressed questions from the membership. Lieutenant Jolly addressed the membership introducing Sergeants Gonzalez & Harrah. He announced the acquisition of a tract of land south of Tomball, just past their current maintenance barn, which will be the new home of the Precinct 4 courts, jail and administration offices currently being housed at their Cypresswood/Steubner location. The current building on Cypresswood will remain as a substation. He stated that Precinct 4 has ordered new cars to replace part of their fleet which currently has mileage of 150-175,000 miles. He announced that 4 deputies and 1 Sergeant have been added to the toll road with the influx of 100,000 residents in the Houston metropolitan area with 30,000 settling in Northwest section of Houston.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** –

Treasurer Downey announced the Association has \$138,720 in the bank with assests of \$198,640.53. The Association is 99% collected.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** -

President Jackson announced the new entry signs @ the Schroeder/Ravenhurst esplanades and the Hargrave entrance have been permanently positioned. The electricians will complete the connection for the lighting fixtures in the next 10 days.

**HOMEOWNER FORUM** -

Five residents signed in.

There were no complaints or concerns offered by Bonnie O'Neill or Alan Massey.

Ms. Edna Gunn commented on the Prestonwood Press article written by Jack Howard detailing the history of Prestonwood Forest and suggested that it be included in the new 2015-16 Directory publication.

Ms. Sally Wight of 7718 Bideford addressed the Board about a flooding situation on her property that she has been dealing with for the past 10+ years. With the recent rains she stated one day she pushed water down her driveway for 3 hours. She called the Harris County Precinct 4 Maintenance Department who politely took all her information and sent a Supervisor, Charlie,

who arrived the next day to assess her situation. He did suggest a couple of options but was not very optimistic about resolving her flooding issue. She knows that she lives in the flood plain and did not expect the Board to have a solution but was wondering 'Does anyone else have a flood problem in the community'? Board members advised calling Precinct 4 to talk with a Supervisor and suggested that she become a "squeaky wheel". Director Hogan suggested a committee be organized to investigate and evaluate her specific complaint along with other property owners who may be dealing with similar situations. Director Bouigny talked with her at length following the close of the HOA meeting and she was asked to keep the Board informed of any resolution of her state of affairs.

Mr Derryl York concurred that the 'History of Prestonwood Forest' article was great and stated that some of the same people mentioned in the article still live in the subdivision and remain actively involved. He acknowledged that the character of subdivision has changed and proffered the question, ""Is there anything we could do to make our subdivision unique?". He circulated to the Board and members of the Association who were present a list of recommendations he had authored. Some of his suggestions were entrance signs to the subdivision noting *Historic Prestonwood Forest*, erection of historical markers throughout the community that reflect our Texas heritage unique to this area and possible unique signage that promotes a whimsical and cheerful attitude. He suggested a waterslide for Pool I and expansion of the splash pad, possible construction of a model universe with the sun in a central location and signs locating additional planets & stars throughout the subdivision, this would be both a distinctive image for our neighborhood as well as a learning opportunity for our children. Acknowledging that the perceived quality of our schools reflects our property values, he suggested we may be able to work with the CFISD to build a magnet program of some type within the school. This would put a premium on Hancock in our community. He conceded that many driveways in the subdivision are cracked and unsightly and suggested we try to work with the home owners, the county and other entities to get as many of these fixed as possible. He suggested a Bicycle Ride as a fundraiser and community involvement noting that if one rides all the cul-de-sacs in the subdivision it would be 12+ miles. Recognizing that these ideas will spur additional thoughts and potential projects for our community, it will not just be an HOA or PFUD effort. He asked the Board to think on these ideas, form a committee, and decide which ideas they might be willing to support.

Mr. York, as a representative of the PFUD Board, updated the results of the September 10<sup>th</sup> Hike & Bike Cypress Creek presentation and public workshop at the Clubhouse to discuss trails along Cypress Creek. About 40 people attended and were divided into groups of 4 sharing active and open discussion. The feedback was pleasing to the landscape architects. There has been no analysis from the survey yet and the survey did not ask "Would you be willing to pay for the Hike & Bike Trails or a simple option to choose either 'I would or would not pay' for the Master Planned Trails.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TENNIS** – Director Hogan stated he had nothing to report.

**CLUBHOUSE** - Director Dunavin states that rentals were slow for awhile but picking up.

**POOLS** –Director White reports Pool I (Clubhouse pool) was open weekends through September from 12-6pm. The weather was not always accommodating but the final afternoon saw a crowd of residents trying to enjoy the pool one last time. The pool attendance count is in process and Mr. York asked that it be shared when finalized. Again acknowledging our two very unique Prestonwood pools as praiseworthy amenities he asked residents to provide feedback on ideas for organized activities at the Pools. The Board is considering offering swim lessons or

water aerobic classes at Pool II next season and Director White also suggested a 'Polar Bear Swim'. He asked the membership to consider options as to 'What do we need to do to keep competitive' in lieu of another year of no Prestonwood Flyers team.

**LANDSCAPE** –Secretary Reading detailed some recent irrigation issues on the clubhouse property and esplanades that have recently been corrected. She announced the new Clubhouse Community sign installation and reports some difficulty with the door positioning while attempting to place the letters. Monarch has not offered the Fall flower selection for the beds.

**TRASH REMOVAL/PEST CONTROL** –In the absence of Director Dirks, President Jackson announced that mosquito spraying is scheduled for 3x a week through October.

**DEED RESTRICTIONS** –Director Bouligny assured the membership that deed restrictions are being enforced with 80-90 letters being sent out monthly. He acknowledged that several properties are in the legal process and reaffirmed that this Board takes the enforcement of the Deed Restrictions seriously. Mr. York asked him to evaluate a couple of dead trees, one on the 8200 block of Dorcrest and another one on 8200 Devonwood.

**SECURITY** –Vice-President Goodwin reported no additions to the Security report but announced that there will be Constable presence in the subdivision with the Bike Patrol on Friday, 10/31/14, which is Halloween.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Director White stated that the website is continually updated to keep it interesting and informative. A scrolling marquee feature on the website now reflects the 2014 NOL schedule (12/13-28/14). A web version of resident Jack Howard's 'History of Prestonwood Forest' article will be added to the website once they have received pictures. In development is an online request form for residents to ask for swim tags and possibly tennis keys, designed to replace the current SASE process for pool tags. If it is determined to be feasible, the online request form could likely be expanded to include a 'checkbox' for resident's email subscription to receive official Prestonwood event and meeting notifications.

**OLD BUSINESS** –Secretary Reading announced the collection of information for the 2015-2016 Prestonwood directories will commence with distribution of new resident information request form in the November Prestonwood Press with a projected distribution of March/April 2015.

Secretary Reading announced the 2014 Prestonwood Forest Nite of Lites schedule will be December 13 – 28 with judging scheduled for Saturday, December 13. Russell & Tina May have stepped down from organizing this traditional event but 4 resident volunteers have stepped forward to offer their service.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Issues addressed by the membership will be discussed in Executive Session and further information presented at the next open HOA meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:35p.m. The next meeting was set for November 6, 2014, beginning at 7:00pm.

APPROVED *Meredith J. Reading* DATE 10/20/14