

GREENBELT EAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2013

Held at Greenbelt Lake Village, 6640 lake Park Drive

Members Present:

Tom Crandall, Chairperson	Primary Representative, Greenbelt Lake Village CA
Terry Benedik, Vice Chairperson	Primary Representative, Greenbriar CA
Charlene MacAdams, Treasurer	Primary Representative, Greenwood Village HOA
Marcia Cain	Primary Representative, Hunting Ridge CA
Edward Putens	Primary Representative, Greenbrook Estates HOA
Robert Thomas	Alternate Representative, Greenbrook Estates
Austin Henry	Primary Representative, Greenspring I, HOA
Eulalie Lucas	Alternate Representative, Greenspring I, HOA
Pat McCoy	Alternate Representative, Greenbelt Lake Village

Guests:

Dorrie Bates.....Chair, Greenbelt Community Foundation
Thomas X. White.....Member, GCF Advisory Board

- I. Call to Order: The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.
- II. Additions to the Agenda: None
- III. Approval of the Minutes: June 7th and November 1, 2012.
June 7, 2012: minutes tabled.
November 1, 2012: Motion made by Charlene and seconded by Ed. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Charlene reported that the current balance is \$1,925.49 She reported that she has received a \$75 dues payment from Greenbrook Estates and that dues are still due from Greenspring I and (.....another association?).
- V. Program: Greenbelt Community Foundation
 - A. Dorrie Bates, Chair of the Advisory Board for the GCF, presented a review of the history, goals and activities of the foundation.. She described the GCF as a bridge between Greenbelt citizens and businesses who wished to contribute to efforts which would improve the quality of life for Greenbelt and those people and organizations with project ideas which met those goals. She described several recent grants, emphasizing that grants have been awarded in many fields; the arts, education and the environment, for example
 - B. **B.** Tom White stated that their purpose in making the presentation is to encourage GEAC members to help promote the GCF within their communities, both as possible contributors and to develop proposals for possible awards by GCF.

C. Ed mentioned a specific problem at the rear of Greenbrook, where the association has encouraged homeowners to plant trees to reduce erosion from the stream. Dorrie responded that the Girl Scouts have recently done a similar project, and she suggested that Ed pursue a grant for the activity.

D. Dorrie and Tom distributed flyers describing the foundation, the various ways one can contribute, and the grant process and deadlines. She also reported that she was conducting an information event about the GCF, and she left a signup sheet for any GEAC member who was interested.

VI. New Business:

A. Approval of the FY2013 Budget

B. Approval of the 2013 Calendar

1. Ed opened discussion about the two associations which have not formally joined GEAC and he suggested that the amounts shown in the budget are not dues but donations, and that we shouldn't eliminate any Greenbelt East Association because they haven't paid dues. He said we should consider GEAC a voluntary organization; that we need each other, so dues should be called a "suggested contribution."
2. In discussing the charter, Austin mentioned that, within the Membership section it states that a member "is in good standing upon payment of annual membership dues." Motions were made to approve both the Budget and the Calendar as presented. Both were approved **unanimously**.

C. Election Executive Committee

Terry asked for clarification of the current slate, and stated that she intended to step down as 1st Vice President, but would continue as 2nd Vice President. After further discussion, the slate was given as: Tom Crandall, Chairperson; Charlene McAdams, Treasurer, Judith Thompson, Secretary, Austin Henry, 1st Vice President and Terry Benedik, 2nd Vice President. Upon motion by Eulalie and second by Austin, the slate was approved **unanimously**.

D. Graffiti in Schrom Hills Park

Eulalie described the problem and reported that the language was very inappropriate. Ed reported that a Corporal from the Greenbelt Police has been involved and Eulalie described a power point presentation that the Greenbelt Police have prepared about graffiti. She said the COG also has a task force and a speaker on the subject and she would try to arrange for a presentation at a later meeting.

E. Discussion followed about the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Greenbriar, and what contributions have been made to the ceremony by GEAC.

1. Terry indicated that the cost is built into the Greenbriar budget, but Ed made a motion that GEAC contribute \$100 to Greenbriar for the ceremony. There was no second.

2. After further discussion Austin suggested that GEAC make a \$50 contribution, which Charlene seconded. The motion passed, with a NO vote by Ed Putens.

VII. Old Business

A. Status of the Addendum to the GEAC Charter

Discussed as part of the Election.

B, Status of Bus Stop at Hunting Ridge. No Discussion

C, GEAC Tax Status Incorporation. No Discussion

VIII. Committee. Announcements

Tom reported on the first meeting on a new Flea Market Committee and he stated that he will attend an upcoming meeting about the large Flea Market now held in Baltimore, to learn more about the planning for our Flea Market in Schrom Hills Park.

IX GEAC Announcements

1. Ed spoke about a foreclosing effort in Florida, where an HOA won a suit against a bank for association costs and fees while the bank owned a foreclosed property.

2. Terry reminded everyone that we have only one meeting before the March Stakeholders meeting, so planning is needed for that meeting.

X. NEXT MEETING-Thursday, February 7, 2013, 7:30 PM, Windsor Green, 7474 Frankfort Drive, Greenbelt.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ed made a motion to adjourn, Austin seconded, and the motion passed **unanimously**. Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Henry Acting Secretary

