

# MeadowView Park Annual HOA Meeting

March 20, 2018

## Introductions:

### Call to order at 7:42 PM

Motion to wave reading of minutes from 2017.

Motion approved.

### Landscape report: Catherine Disney, landscape chair

Nothing exciting happened in 2017. All routine maintenance. Ray's Landscaping does the heavy lifting. Sara Lee Peterson (Down to Earth) and her sister do the specialty pruning, planting, etc. Richard Bendix will be the new landscape chair. Looking ahead to 2018, we will be trimming the big hedge at the entrance to the neighborhood (above the MeadowView Park sign). We may replace a few struggling plants, replace daffodils, replace mulch. Jayne asked what the budget is. Roger Youngberg (filling in for Bill Lange) answered ~\$6,000. Richard requested that people reach out to him with suggestions/complaints. Catherine will give Richard the map of the neighborhood so he can determine if any deadwoods by green belt need to be cut.

Ali Bligh requested the contact info for the landscapers in case any of us want to use them.

Ray's Landscaping Contact Info - INSERT HERE 206 245 9835

Sara Lee Peterson Contact Info - INSERT HERE 425 430 0955

## Financial report: Roger Youngberg, filling in for Bill Lange, Treasurer

Roger says we are doing just fine. Landscaping and maintenance is ~\$6,000. Forecasting a profit for FY 2018. Someone brought up the topic of a security camera, which is deferred to new business.

Ali questioned the decline in insurance from \$3,065 to \$865 from 2017 actual to 2018 budget. Roger did not have the answer but has already asked Bill.

Roger solicited volunteers for the architectural committee. No hands were raised.

**Change Request Form** - all homeowners must complete the attached form before any exterior changes are made to home:

<http://meadowviewpark.org/pdfs/MVP%20Change%20Request%20Form%20%20rev3-1-2013.pdf>

### Social report - Ronit Droker, Social Chair

Ronit, with the help of neighbors, hosted a couple of social events last year - Popsicle event over Memorial Day weekend, Block Party in August, Cookie Exchange around the holidays. She created a survey for input as to what the neighborhood is looking for going forward. She is open to ideas and suggestions. Connie mentioned a former Halloween parade.

## New Business

**Trash:** Ronit Droker - trash cans have been knocked over by animals - has the neighborhood approached the City of Newcastle about getting animal-proof locks? Kathy mentioned bungee cords. Connie recommends that neighbors do not put trash out until the morning, especially if it is windy. Chris suggested that we talk to Waste Management because they probably are not going to hop out of their trucks to undo 150 trash containers. Kathy will call the City of Newcastle and Waste Management and will post their recommendation/guidance on the website.

**Speed:** Angela Hall - please remind drivers to slow down. There are a lot of new drivers (teenagers) in our neighborhood and there are also a lot of new families and small children. SLOW DOWN. License plate numbers will be taken.

**Animal Waste:** Jayne Bell - dog poop. Friendly neighborhood reminders - please continue to clean up the dog poop.

**Communication:** Ali Bligh - communication - what is the best way to communicate with the neighborhood? Do people utilize NextDoor? Should we create a MVP Facebook group? Do we want to put together a neighborhood directory that people have to opt IN to?

Website should have a list of committees and who is on the committees.

**Security:** Mike - frustrated that we are being reactive instead of being proactive when it comes to home security, removing dead trees, etc. We need to seriously look at security. Several neighbors agree. Bill Griffith mentioned that years ago we had a neighborhood watch.

Jayne Bell took the floor and talked about her past involvement in getting security cameras. She wants to review what was discussed then, what the objections are, what has changed since then.

Previously, there were four main objections:

1. Cost
2. Privacy - technology at this point can blur out any views into people's homes
3. Distraction - the neighborhood got distracted with what we wanted
4. Location - where is the camera going to be housed? Where is the DVR going to be located? A lot of the technology can be done wirelessly. We have options now that we did not have 4-5 years ago. One of our neighbors has his own security business and is willing to give Meadowview Park a bid and a break.

Jayne recommends one set of two cameras. Her hope is that we take a vote and direct the board to research and fund security cameras.

Angela Hall brought up the previous discussion of whether the camera is actively monitoring or only recording upon motion.

Jayne said there is an app now that will give all neighbors equal access to the camera - everyone would have their own passkey to view the camera.

Catherine Disney asked if anyone is keeping track of the number of car prowls.

Connie Lange said this comes to two topics: security system and neighborhood watch. Both topics are valuable.

Lots of discussion about pros/cons. Are the hoodie guys that are coming in to the neighborhood walking or driving in?

Chris Brandt mentioned a gate system. Simple system. Cars have a chip in them for easy access in/out, FedEx has the code, you can give a friend the code, etc.

Bill Palmer pointed out that our streets are publicly-owned and the City of Newcastle would never approve gates.

Chris also suggested stickers for our cars (which identify us as MVP residents) in order to flag cars that do not belong in the 'hood.

Bob Feldpausch just moved here from Seattle and had insight on the same problems there. Get to know your neighbor. By the time we receive any footage, the damage is already done. Start being more aware!

Dean suggested taking pictures of cars that look suspicious when you are out in the neighborhood. He did this recently and said something to the man by the car, and he took off.

Bill said these are all "yes, and..." suggestions. Neighborhood watch, engage your neighbors, and put a security camera in the entrance.

Roger said that the project stalled years ago due to privacy and technology. It is plausible that after a second look, we may be able to put a security system at the entrance.

Steven Lan mentioned signs, especially signs that illuminate at night.

Do we update our neighborhood watch list? Give neighbors the ability to opt in for the information to be published?

Requirements:

Hosted on common property as opposed to being on someone's property?

Jayne directs the board to investigate a security camera at the entrance that would capture an image and a second camera that will capture the license plate on common property with specifics to be determined.

The board is not interested in pursuing this but is open to a committee being formed to explore the options.

Wade Sung is in the security business and could give us a quote.

Jayne Bell will chair the committee. Bill Griffith and Brad Olsen will be on the committee. Jayne passed around a sign-up form for additional committee members.

Jayne made a motion that we form a committee and pursue options. If feasible, they will direct the board to approve funding and installation of the camera. The motioned was seconded and approved.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

## Attendance At Meeting

Kathy Bauer  
Abdi EmamBakhsh  
Roger & Pat Youngberg  
Bill & Cathy Palmer  
Jayne Bell  
Mike & Wife  
Bill & Sherry Griffith  
Trina Wagonblast  
Catherine Disney  
June Wang - New Neighbor  
Stephen and Athena Lan - New Neighbors  
Chris Brandt  
Angela Hall  
Bob Feldpausch - New Neighbor  
Marel  
Ronit Droker  
Dean  
Richard & Debbie Bendix  
Brad Olsen  
Connie Lange  
Ali Bligh