# Prairie Village Homes Association Minutes September 19, 2007

#### **Members Present:**

Susan Forrest, Ashley Weaver, Michelle Nash, Susan Britton, Jori Nelson, Dick Haun

#### **Members Absent:**

Sharon Chinnery, Bill Chinnery, Susan Spencer

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Forrest at 7:00 p.m. and she announced the rules of conduct for the public forum.

#### **Guests:**

Doug LeVota at 6748 Fontana, Deena Blake at 6739 Fontana, Mark Eddy at 4101 Prairie Lane, Ruth Hopkins at 7410 Birch, Liz Stecklein at 4120 Oxford Road, David Voyag at 5902 West 75 Terrace, Jess & Serge Guislain at 4106 Prairie Lane, Peter & Brenda Kotar at 4201 Oxford Road, Erin O'Connor at 4111 West 69 Street, David Ives at 7254 Roe, Ty Gray at 4323 Oxford Road, Kevin Weaver at 6739 El Monte, Brad Trenkle at 6748 El Monte.

Doug LeVota presented a proposal for eight by-law changes and asked for a vote of them. He was informed that only Board members can make a motion on a voting matter at a Board meeting.

Liz Stecklein read Article VI – Amendments of the by-laws and then asked for clarification as to why a vote wasn't being allowed. Susan Forrest responded that this was not an Association meeting but a Board meeting, so only Board members can transact business. Liz then asked for the Board to call a Special Association Meeting so a vote could be held. The request was denied. Michelle Nash stated that she would bring the proposal up under New Business.

Doug LeVota read each by-law proposal. See attachment.

Liz Stecklein asked a question as to why individual names, instead of the Homes Association, appeared on the lawsuit against the Eddy's. Susan Forrest answered that the courts require individual names because it is documented that way in the Deed of Restrictions.

Kevin Weaver expressed his support of the Board in trying to uphold the Deed Restrictions.

Brenda Kotar stated that there was a high level of emotion in the room and was nervous about how business was being conducted.

Mark Eddy stated that the issue was not personal but wanted to point out that the issue should be discussed.

Doug LeVota stated that his reasons for attending the meeting were not personal. Hundred's of people had spoken to him about the lack of Board procedures. City Council members asked him and his members to come to the Board and make a presentation. Liz Stecklein asked about the Board vacancy and how to fill the position. Susan Forrest responded that an application needed to be completed and returned to the Board. The Board would make a decision.

Brad Trenkle stated that he felt like the proposed by-law amendments were clearly not representing the facts. He felt that the group making the proposal was doing so for financial gain.

Serge Guislain stated that he was surprised by the foolishness of the Board. The Board had not talked to everyone and it is his opinion that now the Board cannot transact such business. The Board is not serving the association but are mini-Hitlers. He accused Susan Forrest of not giving information and of lying.

Mark Eddy stated that they should not have to wait four months, until the association meeting, for the by-law transactions to be considered. Michelle Nash reiterated that she would bring them up under new business.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

The minutes from the July 18, 2007, August 12, 2007, August 19, 2007, August 21, 2007 and August 26 meetings were corrected and approved.

### **Officer Reports:**

President, Susan Forrest:

Matt & Amy Vaughan are working with City Hall towards calming traffic on Tomahawk and will keep the Board apprised of their status.

HACCD's All Board dinner will be November 7, 2007.

Nominations for the Jim Gray Neighborhood Spirit award are due to HACCD by October 10, 2007. Susan Forrest nominated Dick Haun. Anyone is welcome to complete the nomination form and send it to HACCD.

## Treasurer, Michelle Nash:

Michelle asked if anyone had questions about the August or September financial reports. No questions were asked.

Michelle asked a number of questions to Susan Forrest regarding the financial transactions associated with the suit against the Eddy's and the timing of those transactions. She also asked for a copy of the signed letter of engagement. She asked that Susan Forrest consider the impact on cash flow when submitting large invoices.

Susan Forrest answered many of Michelle's questions and then suggested that Michelle either meet and discuss the items with her or send Susan a list of the questions, to which she would respond.

### **Old Business:**

Susan Forrest commented that the discrimination amendment is still circulating.

### **New Business:**

Board discussed how to handle the request for copies of the financial statements from association members. It was agreed that all members should be allowed to receive a statement even if they are not current on their dues. Access should not be restricted. The request will go to the Treasurer and the Treasurer will send the requested information.

Michelle Nash asked for the by-laws that were submitted by Doug LeVota to be added as a point of discussion at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** 8:50pm

Next Meeting: November 14, 2007.