**Del Oro Groves Estates**

**Homeowners’ Association Board Meeting**

**September 27, 2012**

**Attendees:** John Breen, George Compton, Marsha Hahn, Beth Marshall, Vickie Santullo, Chip Tieden, Lucile Casey, Sharon Mills, Del Scott, Robert Schwartz, and Kelly Myer.

Meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

**Minutes** from July 19, 2012 board meeting were reviewed. Vickie Santullo made a motion to accept minutes. Del Scott seconded.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Money in the amount of $240.75 for the new security signs and landscape sign has been taken out of grant monies budget.

As discussed previously, one method should be chosen for determining the balance when the next Treasurer is appointed. Robert Schwartz explained that the auditor did not have one of the documents from the previous year’s budget on the CD, so she went to the bank statement to determine the beginning balance instead of the Treasurer’s actual books/records.

The new Treasurer will be officially voted in at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

John Breen has become a signatory at Wells Fargo Bank. The newly appointed Treasurer, George Compton, cannot be the signatory as he is a financial advisor and a Del Oro Groves resident could potentially be his customer which could cause ethical issues with his employer. George will post items to the Del Oro Groves bank account and both he and John Breen will have electronic access to the account.

The original checking account was closed and a new one was opened, because Wells Fargo no longer accepts personal accounts.

John Breen and George Compton will scan slips that come in with the dues payments and email them to Kelly Myer and Leticia Morgan.

Kelly Myer was nominated to become a signatory on the account as well.

Lucile Casey made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Sharon Mills seconded.

**Committee Reports**

**Annual Meeting:**

The annual meeting will be at Safety Harbor Public Library, rooms A and B on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (6:30-7:30 meeting). Jerry Baker will update annual meeting signs.

Need to coordinate refreshments: water, soda, cookies, cheese & crackers

Budget: $225 for meeting and $125 gifts/door prizes\*

\*Ask local businesses for donations (Volunteer Force project)

Board will consider holding the 2013 annual meeting in October 2013.

**Garage Sales:**

The garage sale was accidentally advertised in the Tampa Tribune last weekend, but will also be advertised in this week’s paper. John Breen sent a reminder on the Call-em-All and Christine Knighton has advertised on Craigslist and Facebook. Next garage sale is September 29, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lucile Casey has arranged the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church Thrift Shop’s van to pick up leftover garage sale items and contributors will receive a tax receipt for their donations.

**Signs:**

Del Scott and Michael Ciaramello had volunteered to proceed with getting estimates/information for the historical signs project. Board already has approved design, but is requesting an update on cost and permit via email by August 1, 2012. As previously discussed, “No Solicitation” signs could be designed to coordinate with the design of the historical signs. Historical signs application has been submitted to the City of Clearwater. John Breen completed a PowerPoint presentation containing aerial shots and maps of the sign placement. Signs will need to be placed in the right-of-ways instead of homeowner’s yards. A special “right-of-way” permit has been issued from the City. We can place up to 8 signs total if the budget allows, even though the plan is to have four for now.

When the historical signage permitting is ready John will send out an email to the Board. The City will be present for installation. Quote currently has no vendor installation with the thought that our Volunteer Force will install the signs. They will be 25x24 inch, double-sided signs with a black background and gold lettering. They will be hung on a 12 foot, 3” diameter metal pole buried 4 feet into the ground. The poles will have a fluted decorative cap and a “Europa” base. The current quote is $1,142 for four signs. Original budget was $1,400. John Breen will write a check for 50% of the cost up front when ordering the signs. Signs will be kept in Michael Ciaramello’s garage until installation. The goal to install signs prior to the Annual Meeting in early November. Signs will be installed on the northern side of streets along Bayshore at San Mateo, Pedro, Jose, Domingo since San Bernadino already has a monument sign.

**Landscape:**

New landscape award sign has been purchased and placed in the September winner’s yard, The Majewski’s. Email Cathy Breen at [smokey6123@aol.com](http://mail.live.com/?rru=compose%3faction%3dcompose%26to%3dsmokey6123%40aol.com&ru=https%3a%2f%2fprofile.live.com%2fcid-66955f7749cd24fa%2fdetails%2f%3fcontactId%3de33a3813-0000-0000-0000-000000000000%26ru%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Fby170w.bay170.mail.live.com%252Fmail%252FContactMainLight.aspx%253FContactFilter%253D2%2526n%253D1914809654) with nomination ideas. Nomination received for Mark Manus at 3315 San Gabriel.

**Neighborhood Crime Watch:**

John and Cathy Breen published the July and August 2012 update and emailed to the distribution list. Security Surveillance signs have been placed on the monument signs. John Breen has four more if needed. Discussion regarding “No Solicitation” signs as a fundraiser available for purchase on our web site. John Breen presented wireless cameras that can be viewed via WiFi. Each camera cost approximately $80 and is rated for outdoors. No need to connect to a computer because a computer is built-in. They also offer Infrared night vision and zoom and could be installed on homes. The video could be live-streamed on delorogroves.com website or a DVR would allow to record and rewind if there was an incident. The Casey’s volunteered to have a security sign placed in their yard as they are along the trail. John Breen will ask Van and Lucille Jensen if they would be willing to have a security sign posted on their property as well.

**Hospitality:**

No updates. Britt Schwartz will be back on October 10th. Lucile Casey will email Kelly Myer, Vickie Santullo, and Britt Schwartz a list of new neighbors. Britt delivered three scones this week.

**Volunteer Force:**

No new updates. Chip and Becca Tieder have volunteered to help. Vickie Santullo has a complete list of volunteers and will solicit for volunteers at the Annual Meeting and Spring Picnic.

**Directory:**

No new updates.

**Picnic:**

Volunteer Force will be solicited for Picnic Chairperson via email/newsletter/Phone Tree.

**Community Service/Helping Hands:**

Lucile Casey will approach the City of Clearwater about adopting Del Oro Park. Clearwater Rotary would help Del Oro Groves with park clean-up.

**Block Parties/Phone Tree:**

San Bernadino block party scheduled for December 21, 2012. Kelly Myer will apply to have the street closed.

**Bunko:**

Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Vickie Santullo hosting upcoming Bunko night.

**CNC:**

Next meeting is a candidate forum at The Salvation Army 1521 Druid Road on Monday, October 1, 2012 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Newsletter:**

Newsletter will be emailed in October. Include: request for volunteer, bunko dates, book club dates, president’s letter, encourage a Holiday block party for children…

**Website/Facebook:**

All Board members should email a photo of themselves to Kelly Myer at [kelly\_myer@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly_myer@hotmail.com) for publication on the Web site. Kelly Myer will provide Vickie Santullo with Facebook access.

**Old Business**

-Duathlon on February 2, 2013: Board had approved runners to travel the designated route along San Pedro and Monterey as long as approved by the City.

**New Business**

-Need nominations for vacant Vice President position.

-George Compton has volunteered to become Treasurer. Lucile Casey made a motion to approve George Compton to fulfill the remainder of 2012 term. Sharon Mills seconded.

-Lucile Casey made a motion to continue the current Officer positions for 2013 and nominate them for 2013, with the exception of Jo Anne Roby, at her request. Vickie Santullo seconded.

-John Breen suggested contacting the City of Clearwater regarding possibly placing a mirror near San Mateo and Bayshore due to the dangers drivers face when turning off of San Mateo onto Bayshore.

-Homeowner at corner of San Jose and Bayshore has been asked by a resident and the City to cut down a bush due to lack of visibility when turning onto Bayshore. John Breen will contact the City regarding safety issues of other streets entering Bayshore and fairness when the City is making these decisions.

-Holiday Bows: The Arnold’s may not be able to create bows for our mailboxes. Lucile will ask Allen Arnold if he will be able to train the youth in the neighborhood to make the bows. Del Scott will coordinate the event.

**Future Board Meetings:**

November 7th Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. Safety Harbor Public Library

Dec. 13th John & Cathy Breen 6:00 p.m. Volunteer Holiday Party

Thank you to Henry and Sharon Mills for hosting the meeting!

Del Scott made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vickie Santullo.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Myer, Secretary.