

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, September 13, 2007**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association was called to order at Tom Quinn's house at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2007.

Present were Tom Quinn (President), Karin Kacprzyński (Vice President) and Alex Neubert (Secretary). Also in attendance were the following street representatives: Ken Dodson and Jay Sackett. Linda & Ed Dunn (Treasurer), Colleen Heinle and Chuck Sorce were not in attendance. Tom Hamilton was also present.

Tom Quinn called the meeting to order. The first item of business was a review of the meeting minutes from July 12th. After a review of the minutes, and a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The next item of business was a review of the Treasurer's Report through August, 2007. The group discussed the fact that Waste Management has now been paid in full for the balance of 2007 and through July 31, 2008. Other budgetary items were generally discussed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurers Report was approved.

The next item of business was a discussion about the need for the Executive Committee to be made aware of and/or to approve certain projects within the neighborhood and whether expenditures over a certain amount need authorization. The group generally agreed that we don't want to micro-manage each and every project but at the same time, for example, we don't want to suddenly be presented with a receipt for expenses that were not budgeted for or that no one was previously aware of. It was agreed that the neighborhood needs to be more understanding of this. No action was taken but the Executive Committee would like to review and examine this matter further.

The next item was a brief discussion of any outstanding matters in advance of the upcoming neighborhood garage sale and block party. It was agreed that both events seemed to be proceeding smoothly and that Bill Holliday and Margaret Henry have done a great job getting ready for the garage sale this year and that Anne Kremer and Karin Wormley have really done a fantastic job taking the lead on the block party this year.

The next item of business was a brief discussion of the Calendar of Events for the neighborhood. Alex agreed to prepare a draft Calendar of Events for 2008 and to distribute it to the Executive Committee in advance of the next meeting so that it could be approved and then distributed to the neighborhood. It was also discussed and agreed that we should move the annual meeting back to its original timeframe which would be the fourth Thursday of March (March 27, 2008). The group discussed the possibility of perhaps even moving this date even further back into the year (April or May). No action was taken but it was agreed that the Calendar of Events would be considered at the next meeting.

The next item of business was a discussion of Westwood Park. Tom Quinn advised the group that meetings have been held with members of the Westwood Park Reforestation Committee and that generally things are in good shape with the exception of certain concerns regarding clean up, mowing, etc. It was discussed that at this year's Fall clean-up attention should be paid to certain weedy areas and the control of cattails. Thanks to efforts by Jack Vienne who worked with Tom Beck of the Town, the Town has agreed that a blacktop gutter needs to be built alongside of the north side of the road on Fair Oaks Drive from the corner of Westwood Drive down hill to the intersection where Westwood reconnects with Fair Oaks. This gutter will hopefully help correct the current erosion and drainage problems that exist. It is anticipated that this work will take place in the spring of 2008. Karin mentioned that there were still areas where more gradual grading was needed as what the Town did by adding dirt and fill has made the falloff in certain places even steeper. Tom Hamilton noted that thought should be given to taking plugs of existing ground cover which currently exists in the park area and planting it closer to the shoulders as it is more stabilizing instead of trying to plant and grow grass. Tom Hamilton also suggested that

we speak with the Town and revisit work that the Town, years ago, had previously agreed to perform in Westwood Park – namely, the removal of certain unwanted cottonwood trees. Tom Quinn stated that he would follow up with Tom Beck in the near term to get a better sense of what exactly the Town is proposing to do and when.

The next item of business was a discussion of the Lake Crescent Park. With the dredging, grading and re-seeding now behind us, Tom stated that he thought the Town did an excellent job and followed through with all that they said they would do. The Executive Committee again extended a huge "thank you" to Mike Robinson for the time and energy he put in to watering the new grass and his oversight of the park area – without his care, the park and especially the new grass, would not look as great as it does today!

Tom noted that he will reconvene a meeting of the Lake Crescent Reforestation Committee to discuss outstanding matters along with a new proposal that was just recently presented to the neighborhood by Tom Beck. It seems that the Town has an abundance of unused fill dirt that the Town would be willing to bring to us at no charge. The Town would create a planting base in cooperation with the neighbor committee with Frank Fulreader's guidance. The fill dirt would then be covered with topsoil and hydro-seeded. The Town is willing underwrite the total operation. **No cost to the neighborhood.** This could occur in late Spring 2008 time frame. This fill dirt would be use in place of the material that was removed from the pond.

The next item of business was a discussion of how much to charge for Luminary kits. It was agreed that this is a special event shared by neighbors and is most noteworthy for bring neighbors together and not necessarily a fundraiser. The Executive Committee agreed to keep the cost at \$7 per kit.

The group also briefly discussed how best to advise neighbors (both current and future) that, since Waste Management will now be paid one time annually for the entire year's service by the Association (in order to avoid the monthly fuel surcharges), the Association will continue with past practices and, if any resident plans to sell their home, pro-rated refunds will not be given. In the event that a resident plans to move, the Treasurer will need to be contacted to provide them with a receipt of payment of their annual trash pick-up fees so that the balance of this fee can be requested from the buyer at the time of closing.

The last item of business was a proposal received by Margaret Henry and Mimi Bogdan to hold a Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, October 28th – this event would be in lieu of the Pumpkin Hunt that was scheduled for October 30th. The idea would be for neighbors to decorate a scarecrow in their front lawn and then have a neighborhood walk-around on the Sunday, the 28th with cider and doughnuts. After a brief discussion of the proposal, it was agreed to substitute this event with the Pumpkin Hunt. Margaret and Mimi will coordinate this event.

Ken Dodgson advised the group that our postman Lou Caruso is retiring. He has been our neighborhood mail carrier for the last 15 years. Ken thought it would be nice that something be done for Lou – to either take up a collection or have everyone send him a card. The group agreed that something should be done and Ken agreed to coordinate this.

Ken also noted that he felt it was time for the Executive Committee to decide where the best place was the house his collection of photographs and historical materials on the neighborhood. He noted that the City Hall in Rochester has a historical room which could serve as a depository or that the Town of Perinton Historical Society could serve the same purpose. Additionally, he thought it was time for the Executive Committee to find someone who would be willing to fill his shoes and serve as the neighborhood historian/curator. The task of finding someone with Ken's passion was briefly discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for November 8, 2007.