

# COVINGTON SQUARE SUBDIVISION

## NOTES FROM DEC. 8, 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT THE CANTON LIBRARY

updated 1/21

Notes by Cathy Veri

- 1) OPENING REMARKS from John Silagy, President
  - General remarks about thanking all the volunteers and happenings during the year
  - Thank you's made to Board and committee heads
- 2) Detention Pond Briefing from John Jackson – powerpoint presentation
  - All committee members thanked!!!
  - There is still some work to be done in 2004 and we have budgeted for it.
  - Comment: (John S.) In spring 2004, the City of Canton will spray for West Nile on the pond.
- 3) Budget briefing from Monica Baker, Treasurer
  - Budget was presented for the calendar year 2003 vs Actual.
  - 2004 budget was presented and approved. \$227.00 dues were set for 2004.
  - Landscaping and Trees: One homeowner commented that perhaps the Association should fund additional trees to the common area berms abutting Lilley Rd., to shield the homeowners whose backyards face Lilley from sound and road noise and to increase privacy. But the Board and homeowners agreed that we should not fund trees along the berm (since those lots were chosen by the homeowner, knowing full well what the berms look like in terms of the number of trees and level of privacy). However, there was discussion, from the homeowner and others, that if the homeowner would like to purchase trees for the berm in common areas, that a proposal should be sent to the Architectural Control Committee for consideration, and the general consensus in the meeting was that this should be acceptable. There is concern over digging and hitting water lines, but that should be avoided with Architectural Control Committee involvement.
  - Landscaping budget was discussed and explained by Lori Treder. \$13 per homeowner for Christmas lights for 2004 was approved. There is no plan in the budget to increase the number of trees on the berm. Shrubs were planned for the berm and Lori to put in Evergreens instead of shrubs when possible on the berm.
  - We discussed there should be no swimming in the detention pond. Safety is an issue regarding the pond; we all have to do our job to teach our own kids not to go into the pond, also to watch out for other kids.
  - We talked about Lori organizing a clean up day to clean up the garbage in the woods, next to Field School lot.
- 4) Nominations for officers and committees, by Cathy Veri, Secretary
  - Nominations were made for all positions. The people in those positions with contact information were provided to the Board via email in December.
  - Other comments during the meeting after Nominations were done: 1) Please make sure you are using non-phosphorous fertilizer; 2) Speeding in the subdivision - - the speed limit is only 20 mph. Please remind yourself and your teenagers! 3) Any dumping you see in our sewers or drains... call a board member or call the City of Canton; 4) We will continue to use the City Ordinance department to chase after homeowners who do not keep their lawns cut neatly on a regular basis.
- 5) Subdivision Trees Update, by John S.
  - We should post info to the Web site regarding what trees to plant and where to buy them, also explain Canton's 50/50 program
- 6) Web site – John commented that it has come a long way, special thanks to Larry Ristovski. He will continue to manage it for us next year.
- 7) Miscellaneous

It was a great meeting with good attendance, participation and discussion. Thank you to all!