

Lake Arbor Homeowners Association  
Annual meeting  
January 19, 2011-01-19

Dave Edds, president called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the last annual meeting were read by Melanye Phipps and approved as read.

Dave started the meeting by describing that the current HOA Board Members are homeowners in Lake Arbor and volunteer their time to the HOA.

Dave discussed that we are unsure of what is going on with the Westminster Mall re-development and the King Soopers re-development. The HOA has been concerned and wrote a letter to the City of Arvada and Westminster regarding the proposed 2,000 homes to go into the new mall development. This concerns us due to increasing traffic.

Dave mentioned the number of car break-ins and where they were, from a report from the City. The point was that the crime rate has increased slightly and the board is increasing it's actions to watch over the Lake Arbor neighborhood.

Changing to covenants, Bob Leigh said that most of the covenant violations have been boats in front of homes or having trash cans or debris in front yards. Dave added that many violations are a city code issue.

Traffic is a concern of the HOA. We are working with the City of Arvada to monitor the busy streets in Lake Arbor and try to keep the traffic and speeds down but the city has not been too helpful, as they want to wait to put up more signs or other speed deterrents AFTER there are more accidents or other incidents that create a problem. This isn't acceptable to the HOA so we continue to work with the city as much as possible.

Trail clean ups are important to us and we are always looking for volunteers to help us each time we do a trail clean up. There was a great trail clean up done behind 84<sup>th</sup> Ave, by the city, and the trail sidewalk and rocks were re-done and it looks very nice.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success this year. Melanye Phipps stood up and said that for anyone who isn't familiar with it, it's done at the Park and kids from Lake Arbor as well as any other areas are welcome. Kids get treats, toys, visit the Easter Bunny and families have a great time.

The Annual Spring Trash Clean up was great this year. Thanks to Kevin Hoehner who organized it. We collected trash as well as electronics, with EDS and the neighborhood took advantage of the service and it seemed very appreciated.

The First Annual Ice Cream Social and Pool Party was a great hit at the Community Center and Pool. 45-50 people came and had a great time. The HOA had a drawing and

gave out coupons from local vendors to attendants. There was a comment from a resident that when he arrived at the pool party, the pool attendants inside were not aware of the party and it was confusing. Dave committed to make sure the pool staff are aware of the pool party in the future so there isn't any confusion. He also added that we put up many signs so residents will know when and where the social is.

The online monthly Grapevine has been a success. It's a new format and we are also looking at adding advertisements, as a way to advertise your local business, if you have one.

The Budget for 2011: ¼ to 1/3 residents pay their dues. Major expenses are: Insurance, Grapevine Newsletter, labels and printing. During 2011, the HOA is continuing a Local Merchant Discount Card for paying dues members. We hope that over time this will increase the venues for the HOA.

The Christmas Light Contest resulted in 3 winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Raymond and Sandra Koons
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Theodore and Barbara Groves
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ernest and Joyce Marcolina
- Congratulations to all!

A resident asked a question about a home that might be against covenant rules and needs attention. Dave said that we are aware of the specific problem and we are working with that homeowner to correct the problem.

Don Lemek, Treasurer, stood up and mentioned that he is very proud of our neighborhood and explained that not all residents might be happy all of the time but the board strives very hard to keep the neighborhood clean and safe and nice, while treating everyone equally and with respect. This neighborhood is greater than any around us in terms of value, looking great and knowing our neighbors and being there for each other.

Election of the officers: Everyone has a ballot. If you are willing to volunteer, please list that on the ballot. We have 5 districts in Lake Arbor. We split the reps by neighborhood. Each rep reviews their area regularly. Please fill out the ballots and pass them forward.

Dave and a resident discussed covenants and being a district rep. Gabby offered to show anyone how being a district rep works. Dave further explained that we have updated our covenants from when they were written over 35 years ago but it's an ongoing process because it's a large document and some items come and go (ex: solar panels were popular at one time and now they have changed).

A resident suggested that we give rewards, like the Christmas lights contest, to residents that have great lawns so that we can reward those who do a great job keeping up their properties.

**Rachael, from the City of Arvada, District 1 spoke about several topics:**

King Soopers expansion will take 2 years, rather than closing the store 1 year to do the renovations. They aren't moving up or out but they are using the "mall" space. All of the other vendors will stay and you can still access them. Give those companies your business to continue giving them your support.

You can go online, to "Ask Arvada", and give an anonymous report a problem in your neighborhood, or ask a question, etc... You can see the code while you are online so that you can see if something is, in fact, a code issue.

The median on 80<sup>th</sup> ave from Sheridan to Wads will be replaced in the future. A permanent restroom will be installed at the golf course soon as well.

Far Horizons and the neighborhood south of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue have the highest amount of foreclosures so the city has increased all kinds of police activity to watch over the areas. Not just foot patrol but the drug enforcement, etc...

Parr Elementary might be closed and children might be re-directed to Little Elementary. If you would like to learn more or help with this issue, please ask how you can get involved.

The developments in Westminster mall are out of the hands of the City of Arvada but they are monitoring plans very carefully and adding input anywhere they can. Development is probably a long way out on that.

Spring Clean up via the City is done every other year. Last year the city did electronics clean up and it worked out great. This year the city will do a clean up (FREE) so Lake Arbor doesn't need to do their own clean up, if they don't want to. Maybe doing it every other year is good.

Waste disposal and recycling has been a big topic. Arvada did a study to see what surrounding cities have been doing. The study was complete, the presentation of the study was taped at the city meeting and you can see that online (or read it online). There are no recommendations as of yet, for the city to vote on. They would like to see recycling efforts but Arvada never plans to go to a single trash hauler.

Everyone voted and Dave read the results of the elected officers and volunteers for 2011.

(Dave, list here perhaps??)

Dave said that we have been working on developments for the Open Space for years. A dog park might be nice, Rachael suggested. The city has also entertained the idea of a police station going right next to the Firehouse. The chief lives in Lake Arbor and would like to be invested in the neighborhood. He liked having a community room and garden perhaps.

Calendar of Events for 2011

Trail clean up 4/30, 7/9, 10/8

Easter Hunt 4/16, snow date 23<sup>rd</sup>

Annual Garage Sale 7/16

Lights Contest 12/17

Steve mentioned that our meetings are monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7pm at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A resident spoke up and said that she works with Evie Hudak, our Senator. If you would like to speak with Evie, she does coffees on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:30-9:00 am at Panera Bread at 7739 Wads Blvd and Town Hall meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, from 10:30am to noon at the Standley Lake Librayr at 8485 Kipling Street.

Dave made a motion to adjourn and it was passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanye Phipps

Email coordinator and Easter Egg Chair.