

Architectural Standards Committee

We are happy to have the opportunity to start the first home owner controlled Architectural Standards Committee for Birnam Woods. The Board of Directors have selected four home owners to lead this process. Jay Clinkscales, Lezlie Stewart, Thomas Watson, and Angie Peck. Our mission will be to keep Birnam Woods aesthetically pleasing and promote the value of the development.

Everyone has seen the new construction on the five remaining lots in Birnam Woods. John Bracken and myself met with the builder last week. It would be nice if the current HOA was assigned to be the “declarant” over the approval process of this final construction but unfortunately the developer designated himself until the last lots were sold and the construction was complete. John and I however had a very frank conversation with the builder about doing anything they could to improve the elevations of the properties. Obviously, the builder’s main concern is cost so there will be no stone but will meet the CCR requirement for brick. The builder did indicate they would review plans and consider things like better outside lighting, shutters, brick design, and timber. We have no legal recourse in this construction so we could only plead our case and hope the builder will take it into consideration.

Birnam Woods has been in existence for over 10 years and the home owners have had no oversight of new construction, improvements, landscaping, CCR violations, or any issues that arise in the neighborhood. The ASC will begin that oversight Sept 1. We have met on a couple of occasions and have already begun some first objectives. You will see this week removal of dead trees at the entry. We are developing a process for home owners to get their home improvement projects approved. Also, we will develop a process to inform homeowners where they are operating outside the direction set forth in the CCR’s.

The ASC is looking forward to serving the Birnam Woods HOA. If you need to contact the ASC about any issues or questions please e-mail birnamwoodshoa@gmail.com

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Chairman of the Architectural Standards Committee