

Kempton Park Owner's Association Special Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2015
City of Suffolk Fire Station # 5, 3901 Bridge Road, Suffolk, VA

Members Attending: President: Raymond Laffoon
Vice President: Connie Jenkins
Treasurer: William Davis
Secretary: Antonio Jackson
Member-At-Large: Vanessa Hilyert-Young
HOA Attorney: Debbie Casey

Members Absent: None

United Properties: Debbie Pitzer

Architectural Review Board (ARB): None

1800 – Registration commences: 22 Home Owners in attendance.

1830 – BOD Special Meeting called to order: HOA President, Ray Laffoon, address the homeowners regarding the options for installing fencing around the neighborhood retention ponds. He then opened the floor for homeowners' forum.

Comments/concerns included:

- Several homeowners suggested the cost for fence replacement/installation should be limited to \$5 per household. Others were agreeable to keeping the cost between \$5 to \$10.
- One suggestion was to organize a community service project to plant natural barriers to offset cost of labor. A past endeavor to clean up the retention ponds was pointed out as an example of the lack of community participation in such work projects.
- Contact nurseries to see if they might donate plants to help offset cost.
- Several homeowners suggested installing partial fencing along the street of the retention pond in question and natural barriers along portions of the sides and back.
- A few homeowners expressed concern that a fence would not keep kids out, that families enjoy the wildlife and that would stop if a fence were put up.
- Homeowners felt the pond should have the white fencing so we wouldn't need to replace the fence by the park.
- The notice process for HOA meetings so that homeowners know when the board is meeting was briefly discussed. The use of signs near neighborhood entry points and posting of meeting events on web calendars which are currently used was pointed out to the group. The only suggested improvement was an email list of homeowners.
- One homeowner suggested that the Board view the natural barrier at a condominium complex in VA Beach at the corner of Upton and Dam Neck. This was given as an example on how to install/maintain a natural barrier.
- Some viewed the installation of a fence as not necessary but if it must be installed the homeowners should have more say in how and what type of fence and/or natural barrier

should be installed. Board members and homeowners pointed out to those present that this was the purpose of this meeting.

1931 – Exited Homeowners’ Forum: HOA President thanked the homeowners for their input and asked that they exit so that the board could move into Executive Session.

1934 – Executive Session: Non board members were excused and board members moved to executive session to discuss fencing proposals.

1954 – Exit Executive Session:

- After taking the homeowners’ suggestions and view points into consideration the board decided to provide the homeowners with a survey for homeowner input.
- The Board will continue to review homeowners’ input and work on additional solutions to providing a fence or natural barrier to one or more of the retention ponds. The survey will attempt to suggest additional solutions to homeowners.
- Motion was made, second, and approved to pay lawyer fees of HOA attorney.
- Motion was made, second, and approved to have a community 4th of July parade. Flyers will be posted on Nextdoor.com and the Kempton Park HOA webpage.

2005 – Special Meeting adjourned: The next scheduled BOD Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 June 2015 at the UPA office. Registration will begin at 1800. The meeting will begin at 1830.

Submitted by: A. R. Jackson

Approved by BOD: 31 May 2015 via email.