

# **EARC Meeting Minutes**

November 17, 2010

Present: Mel Church, Mickey Cook, Karl Freed, Joe Hawver, Scott Vandeboss

Absent: Larry Harris

Guest: Alan Sylvester

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse library.

## **New member Joe Hawver**

Alan Sylvester introduced Joe Hawver as the new Board representative to the EARC. Joe was appointed to the Board to fill the term of Adam Ross who resigned earlier this year.

## **Board update/discussion**

Alan clarified several points for EARC members regarding Board activities and EARC members provided feedback on some of their concerns.

### **Willow Lake buffer**

During the winter, Karl, Mickey and Mel will develop written guidelines for maintaining natural buffer areas around Willow Lake. Recommendations for further action should also be included for consideration by the Board.

### **Consultation services**

Appointed members expressed their concern that the Board overestimates our individual and collective expertise on matters that come before the committee. As volunteers, committee members bring their own knowledge and interests to the committee, but often rely on the expertise of our consultant to help make informed decisions. As our consultant Larry Harris provides historical perspective and knowledge about the community, technical knowledge related to landscape and other questions, and rapid feedback when a quick evaluation and decision is desired/required. We feel his charges have been fair and reasonable and request that an appropriate amount continue to be budgeted for consultation services. If he were unavailable to the committee, someone else with similar training would still be needed as a consultant to the committee.

## **Tree removal requests**

Two tree removal requests were handled via e-mail prior to the meeting and are noted here for the record.

### **Lucas, 3726 Blackberry Lane**

Request to remove 10" Apple and 18" Cherry located in the northeast corner of the extra lot adjacent to the home. The lot borders on Old Field Trail. The apple tree is completely dead and the Cherry is dead on one side and failing. Due to their condition, both trees were approved for removal.

### **Ira, 4019 Old Field Trail:**

Request to remove two 12" Cherry trees. The first tree is located in the northeast corner of the lot near the intersection of Katydid Lane and Old Field Trail. The second tree is located in the front of the house between the corner of the house and street. Both trees are dead and the Ira's proposed replacement with Dogwoods. Due to their condition, both trees were approved for removal with replacement by Dogwoods.

## **Conclusion:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Due to the Holidays, the December meeting will be scheduled for a week earlier than normal. Next meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 3:00 pm, Clubhouse library

Mickey Cook, EARC Secretary