

Gwinhurst Civic Association Meeting – August 7, 2014 (7 pm, Hall-Burke VFW Post)

Present: Christina Anthony (President), Dave Paules (Treasurer), Denise Brush (Secretary), and 23 residents. Excused: Carol Thomas, Kris McMahan (Vice Presidents).

Councilman John Cartier did not attend, nor did any other public official.

Treasurer's Report – previous balance \$13,772.94, new deposit \$25.00, new balance \$13,797.94.

Communications/Website – the minutes from last month have been posted on Facebook and on the website. One resident says she has no computer and wants printed minutes. The secretary explained that she can't afford to print out 25 sets of minutes every month. Christina said she would look into sending the file directly to Kinko's to print copies. Also, the new Claymont Library offers computers.

Old Business -

- Econo-haul: Jenn didn't have a chance to call Econohaul today but promised to call tomorrow and give us the current count of residents signed up to post. We were halfway there as of last month. There are plenty of postcards if you'd like to chat with your neighbors about the offer.
- Office Park: Russell said that he has been in touch with the company involved in the drainage issue between his house and the office park, and they are making progress towards fixing it.
- Vacant houses: The secretary reported that Cartier has not responded to last month's letter from the civic association about vacant homes. The secretary will follow up with his assistant, Brian.
 - A man giving his name as Chip of 205 Smyrna said we were wasting our time expecting Councilman Cartier to help us. He was very angry and cursed out the board for trying to work with our elected officials. When we could not satisfy him, he walked out.
 - In the meantime we still don't know if 28 Georgetown was sold at the sheriff's sale, though there were trash bins put out on their driveway today. The President asked if anyone had other vacant homes to report – a home on Odessa at the corner of Harrison was reported.
- Welcome packets: Kelly looked into this, and the person she talked to at the USPS didn't know how to get new information added to the packet. Maybe if we got a packet we could call the businesses in it and ask how they got their information into the welcome packet.
- US mail: Our carrier Veda is going on vacation again for two weeks starting the 15th. The treasurer and several others have been getting other people's mail again recently.

New Business -

- Christina is going to reach out to the police department to find out why they are ignoring us. She will send us the officer's email and we can all contact her and complain that she's not here.
- Jenn reported an issue with a group of teens on Georgetown making noise in the middle of the night. Also there are people sitting suspiciously in cars at night who claim to be police or private investigators. You can ask to see their badge or call the county non-emergency number.

Community News -

- Milford Ave had our drains and gutters redone this past two weeks. The Georgetown homeowners whose properties extend all the way to Milford did not receive notification of the project. The contractor probably didn't realize the properties went all the way to Milford. A resident said Milford is also going to be milled and paved in the near future.
- We will be holding association board elections for 2015 at the November 6 meeting.

Next meeting will be September 4.