

## ARBORS AT DOGWOOD CREEK

January 2012

AIA Meeting

**Date: Jan 11, 2012**

**Location: Frontier Bank of Texas, Hwy 290, Elgin, TX.**

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: (22)

Tim Herbst – Board	Jim Jochetz	Bill Batty
Dan Mowrey– Board	Terry Walters	David Kasprzyk
Tom Henderson - Board	Sam & Mary Beth Hillard	Gary & Sherry Potter
Paul Meisler – Pioneer Mgmt	Lily Wright	Duane & Sharon Lakings
A.Henderson - Scribe	Jerry Longmire	Randal & Karen Wilkerson
	Joann & Duane Johnson	Ray Crites
	Ed Waley	Bill Silva
Molly Herbst	Doug Heyden	Ronald Taylor

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

1. Minutes of the Oct 2011 meeting were not available; these will be approved at the next meeting along with these minutes.
2. Financial Report (Dec 31, 2011) submitted by Pioneer Property Mgt.
  - A. Checking: 15,532.74
  - B. Dues receivable: \$1715.10; outstanding fines: 13,995.05
  - C. Money Market Road Reserve Fund stands at \$69,245.41. This is the fund that will be used when major repairs will be required on the Arbors roads.
  - D. Legal Fees: \$458.00: these fees are collectable after dues and fines are paid. Petty cash is \$250.00
  - E. Expenses stayed within budget primarily as there were no major unplanned road repairs. This may change for the next year as the AIA plays catch-up on some road maintenance items.
3. Committee Reports:
  - A. Welcome/Social & Communications Committee (WSC)
    1. The only event since the last meeting (Oct) was the Santa-in-the-Park event. There was a good turn-out for this event with lots of children anxious to meet with Santa!
    2. Yard of the Month awards:  
Nov. – Mowrey, 333 Arbors Cr.; Dec. – Cardwell, 540 Arbors Cr.
    3. The Annual Christmas Lighting contest winners for 2011 were:  
Best Decorated Mailbox - 207 Arbors Circle  
Spirit of Christmas - 106 Pine Point Cove  
Holiday Wonderland - 363 Arbors Circle  
The Magic of Lights - 168 Juniper Trail  
(Judging for these awards is done each year by an outside committee of non-residents.)
    4. A Chili Cook-off is in the planning stages for Jan 28. There are no volunteers for that event at this time. If you would like to help organize this event, please contact a WSC or Board member.
  - B. Maintenance Committee (MC):
    1. Road work was completed in January, with an outside contractor (Ramming Paving, the original contractors for Arbors roads) hired to seal all the cracks.
    2. Work will continue on the perimeter fence; the deteriorating particle boards are being replaced with plastic rails.
  - C. Newsletter Committee (NC): There should be a Newsletter published before the Chili cook-off on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board reminds everyone that Joann Johnson needs news info to put into a newsletter. Residents are encouraged to send her articles of community interest. Send your articles to: [benttamdem@earthlink.net](mailto:benttamdem@earthlink.net)
  - D. Architectural Committee (ACC):

The ACC approved: 1 fence since the last meeting. Nalle (Builder) has not yet submitted plans for the property being cleared at corner of Maple Leaf and Arbors Cr. (across from the Park)

E. Community Awareness Committee (CAC):

1. Walmart is coming to town...ta-da! Their pad sites are selling at a premium since due to an unexpected demand by retailers for them.

2. Aqua Water Board meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at the Aqua building in Bastrop. The meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. (they really don't want anybody to show up...)

All residents are encouraged to attend if they can. We need to show the Board that there are interested and concerned shareholders who want the issue between Aqua and Elgin resolved before it affects any growth that would benefit Elgin.

A letter writing campaign has been started by several concerned shareholders across all Aqua's water districts urging Aqua to negotiate in "Good Faith" in order to resolve the issue. If you would like to participate, let me know and I will give you the information.

3. Arbors resident, David Glass, filed a petition to be put on the ballot for the Aqua Board representing District 3 (which covers the Arbors).

David presented the Aqua Board with enough signatures so that his name will appear on the ballot. District 3 shareholders will get the ballot in their water bill in March.

David is the only candidate on the ballot, but since the State of Texas rules have changed for Boards such as Aqua's (and ours...), you must still mail your ballot back in or give it to someone who is going to attend the meeting.

"Voting by proclamation" is no longer allowed in an uncontested election.

4. The Enclave development (which is not affected by the ongoing water dispute) and being developed by Lakeway Bank, is going "full steam ahead" with ground-breaking to be very soon. This is the development on SH290 near the Valero service station.

5. There are 7 announced candidates for the County Commissioner from Precinct 4 (our precinct). It is unlikely any one of them will win outright, so the County has already made plans for a run-off election. Please exercise your right to vote: both in the first and if necessary, the run-off election.

6. The red light cameras are fully operational and tickets are being issued to red light runners. (Cameras face east-west on hwy 290)

4. New Business

Management report: Drive through is done monthly by Pioneer personnel. Every attempt is made to resolve violations to the CC&R's/policies in the most friendly way possible. No violations reported this meeting.

5. Community Forum:

a) Resident comment: Traffic seems to be speeding up again on the stretch before the South Gate.

b) Resident comment: Feral Hogs are again coming into the Arbors and tearing up yards. What can be done? ... fence the entire subdivision to keep them out?

*Board: Fencing the entire subdivision will require a rather large outlay of money and an assessment to pay for it. The AIA has no authority to spend funds on individual properties to keep out the hogs, though in the past has helped facilitate the collection of funds and the hiring of a professional trapper. This trapper is no longer in business however, as the FDA put a stop to his processing/selling of feral hog meat.*

*Property owners have found that fencing their lots will help control the damage. The ACC is willing to consider fencing ideas on a case by case basis (ie, adding hog wire to the inside bottom of rail fencing was discussed).*

4. Resident comment: Appreciation for the re-furbishing of the street signs. They look a lot better.

6. Appeals: **none**

7. Adjourn **7:38 pm**

**The next Board & General meeting will be on March 14, 2012.**