Open Space Committee Minutes – August 18, 2004

Members in attendance:

Jim Alba
Robert Altand
Marcie Stein
Laurie Tolles
Mark Wright

Discussion with Berry Homes' residents regarding Claiborne Parkway boundary was entertained. We are still talking with the developer about scheduling and any fencing plans. Marcie put flyers on each door informing residents of this meeting. Mark will send an e-mail to the residents who did not attend, summarizing our discussion. Another flyer will go out informing residents of these two actions.

The following residents voiced their opinions:

Margi Fury—fence
43707 Shadyside

Larry Cymbalista—landscaping
20378 Kenilworth

Nancy Ramsey
43716 Vineyard—fence

Mr. Ramsey
43716 Vineyard—phased approach

Victor Martinez
43680 Balmoral—fence

Marcie Stein
20350 Huntford—landscaping

Martie Wood
fence

Pat ?
landscape

Christine ?
landscape

Mark Wright
20366 Culver—fence

Lady of the House- what??
43712 Vineyard—fence

The following comments/suggestions were raised:

1. If fence, match Belmont.
2. If fence, level it from low to high starting with Huntford.
3. If fence, could be a phased approach. Add landscaping and eventually remove fence.
4. Landscaping looks better but takes too long to come in.
5. Different kinds of fencing or brick work were discussed.
6. Safety is our goal; security and aesthetics are also important.
7. If a fence is placed, make sure it is at the bottom of the hill, not on top.

Old Business:

Landscape maintenance contract RFP:

Jim has drafted a preliminary RFP and has asked us to review/revise it before the next meeting. We will compare it to other contracts and e-mail Jim with comments. The final RFP will be completed by September 30. Be sure to add optional items at the end. Three companies have already been alerted to our interest. Would like at least one more company. We have decided not to invite Town and Country to bid again.

Backboards have been positively received.
Bottom fence around Courts' tennis courts has been fixed.
Millstead everbrown has been removed.
Tree across from clubhouse has been removed.
Bent Huntfort Terrace sign has been fixed but it hasn't been moved to other side.
Net holder on one of the Courts' tennis courts is broken. Liz is working on it.

New Business:

According to a resident, Toll Brothers previously agreed to power-wash the houses that are getting dusted by the construction. Sprucegrove residents had been working with Toll Brothers on this. They have since moved away. Some residents (Mr. Ramsey) are power-washing their own homes, with much dissatisfaction. It is aging the homes. Will Toll Brothers pay for washing once construction is complete? This is a question for Liz D.

Mark will remove Tom from OSC list on website.

Events Committee has scheduled something in the clubhouse over our September meeting—Mark will check web; Jim will check with Liz. NO CONFLICT

A Courts sign is in the works stating "Residents of C&R; no loitering."

Tennis trash cans have been installed and are effective.

As you enter Laurel Ridge on the right, the bushes (Juniper) are dead.

Light #41 is out.

Birch Manor and Portland light is out.

Dog stations have been used as trash cans. Sign has been placed to inform residents of their primary use.

Deerview and Gloucester trees are not being maintained. Resident owns part of them.

Kenilworth and Deerview trees are dead.

Sports Systems installed a new piece of equipment in the Courts' tot lot. It is too dangerous for the children. Liz is working w/ Sports Systems on replacement ideas.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15. Monthly meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.