

WOODGATE HOA MEETING

July 10, 2019

Attendees:

The following 2018/2019 Board Members attended:

Yvonne Livingston
Earla Connors

Diane Nuss

In addition, John Smith from S. Elkhart Ct., Steve Conn from S. Evanston Street, Megan Hansford from E. Wagon Trail Pl. and Todd & Jacque Chomiak from the City of Aurora and S. Evanston Street attended.

Board members introduced themselves to the guests.

A motion was made to approve the May 8, 2019 HOA meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Neighborhood Watch

There was nothing in Woodgate in the last quarter. There was a stolen truck on Nextdoor from a street east of Woodgate South. Also, there were pictures on Nextdoor of people trying car doors. Residents are reminded to lock vehicles left outside and never leave valuables in vehicles.

If you have difficulty reaching the PAR officer, you are welcome to contact Nancy Charbonneau, who is the Area 25 Head Area Coordinator.

Website

After discussion with GoDaddy, Nancy Charbonneau confirmed that, since the website is only used for email on the "Contact Us" page, it is secure. It would be a different situation if the HOA allowed residents use the website to pay dues. Also, the website is not using the most current version of WordPress. The options are:

- For \$1,381.12, GoDaddy can rebuild it and the HOA would maintain it as they do now.
- For \$2500.00, GoDaddy can rebuild and maintain it.

If GoDaddy rebuilds the website, the ads can be archived and used as needed. If we decide to rebuild the site, Nancy offered to work with GoDaddy. The issue has been tabled until the next meeting to allow additional research and discussion. It was noted that board members receive very few calls: Diane Nuss receives about 1 per month and Yvonne Livingston and Nancy Charbonneau each receive about 5 per month for a total of 10-12 calls per month. We don't know how many hits per month the website gets.

Finance

June 2019, YTD Revenue is \$360 better than 2018, mostly due to members paying more than the \$35 voluntary dues and additional advertising and sponsors. June 2019 YTD expenses are \$47 lower than 2018, mostly due to GoDaddy in both 2018 & 2019 and the Postal Permit in 2019, offset by additional weed spraying in 2018. Overall, net income was \$407 better in 2019 than 2018.

In May, there were questions about the Welcome Basket expenses. After research, Diane Nuss found that Welcome Basket supplies were replenished in November of 2018 and nothing needed replenishing until June of 2019 (after the May 2019 meeting). Revenue and Expenses were accurately reported.

Membership/Social Events

As of July 10, Yvonne Livingston reported that membership was 130 versus 129 in July of 2018. Overall, there were 134 members in 2018. The HOA will accept any form of membership, including volunteering and donations.

Yvonne left a message for Bear Creek Stables. Since there is a pattern of non-responsiveness, she also contacted 12 Mile Stables at Cherry Creek regarding their availability on Saturday December 7, 2019. She will continue to obtain written confirmation from either of them.

National Night Out is Tuesday August 6 at the Mormon Church from approximately 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. The church is near the intersection of S. Chambers Road and E. Smoky Hill. Unless an emergency occurs, Aurora Police and Fire are expected to attend. Advertising by both the church (about 400 on a Sunday) as well as in the neighborhood should result in at least 100 people attending. In addition, comments will be made on Nextdoor. Food trucks may be available; all other items will be “giveaways”.

Newsletter

A Block Coordinator is needed for Area 25. Temporarily, Diane Nuss can assist with newsletters and/or welcome basket delivery.

There is a problem with trees and shrubs over sidewalks and other walking venues. Since it is illegal to cut down a City of Aurora tree, before a permanent resolution is made about a situation, owners need to determine if “they” own or if the City of Aurora owns the tree. See the City of Aurora Trees Presentation below for more information.

Welcome Basket

Earla Connors delivered the needed Welcome Baskets to Nancy Charbonneau and Diane Nuss. They were delivered to the necessary recipients and contact info was provided. Although they moved into Woodgate several months ago, Todd and Jacque Chomiak never received a basket. Earla will make one for delivery.

Code/Covenant

The 2nd “gentle reminder” notice is to remind residents of violations to City of Aurora Code or Woodgate Covenants. Year to date in 2019 about 8 City of Aurora Code violations have been presented to residents to correct.

Although there have been a few Woodgate Covenant violations, most observed violations are City of Aurora Code and involve weed and lawn maintenance. In addition, there is a situation where a potentially inoperative vehicle hasn’t moved recently. This situation will be monitored.

If a Woodgate resident thinks there is an Aurora Code or Woodgate covenant violation, they can use the “Contact Us” section of the website (www.woodgatehoa.com) and it will be reviewed. Prior to contacting Access Aurora (303-739-7000), if a violation exists, we will give a gentle reminder and take the necessary steps if correction is needed.

City of Aurora Trees Presentation

Jacque Chomiak works in the Forestry Division of the City of Aurora. When Woodgate was originally developed, certain trees on residential property were planted by City of Aurora and others were planted by the then-owners. Since there is a difference on who to contact regarding tree maintenance, click here or copy & paste in your browser to see ownership of trees on your property: auroragov.org/trees and click on tree map. Enter your address and click “Zoom to”. City trees are pink dots and private trees are blue.

Even if you have a private tree, only Arborists licensed by the City of Aurora can removal or maintain it. A company licensed in Denver does not automatically mean they are licensed in Aurora. There are over 100 Arborists listed on the auroragov.org/trees website under “Licensed Arborist”, and if a resident hires a company not on the list, that company can be summoned to court and possibly fined.

If a tree is private and impedes movement on the sidewalk or street, residents are encouraged to call Access Aurora at 303-739-7000. If a city tree needs pruning, contact the Forestry Division at 303-739-7177.

Residents can prune and climb up high on their own trees. In addition, residents can prune anything on their side of the fence so long as the tree isn't damaged. If the tree is damaged, legal action is a possibility.

Jacque explained some of the rules about City trees. They include:

- Although the City of Aurora is now diversifying, mature trees, like most of those in Woodgate, are probably ALL the same type on a given street. The types of the trees that will NEVER be planted by the city are evergreen, Cottonwood, aspen and Russian Olive.
- If there are 2 "acceptable" trees closer than 35' from each other, one is "owned" by the City and the other by the homeowner.
- If the trees are in a visibility triangle, they are not owned by the City. A visibility triangle ensures pedestrian and vehicular safety at an intersection. Plants, fences, trees or other objects can not be over 26" high at a visibility triangle. The visibility triangle is measured from intersecting lines 30' each way along the flowline (street gutter).
- City trees can't be removed or harmed and maintenance is the responsibility of the City.
- Excluding parks and golf courses the City of Aurora has over 35,000 trees. To assist in maintenance, the City now uses a grid system for pruning and other maintenance.
- The grid which includes Woodgate is not on the schedule until 2022. The only block in Woodgate which needs attention is S. Evanston St.
- Jacque is going to ask for a "Citizen Prune" for S. Evanston St. for a specific weekend. This is where the City will ask citizens to do necessary pruning and leave the debris on the street, for pickup by the City on Monday.
- Citizens can always call Jacque's department (303-739-7177) to request a tree inspection of a city tree.

Other Business:

Regarding getting a single trash service for Woodgate, Cammie Latta contacted Mission Viejo, also a voluntary HOA. Mission Viejo got over 50% of the residents to use the same trash/recycling company in the neighborhood, and their HOA receives \$2 per residence per month. This was after years of effort. Although unable to attend the meeting, resident Cammie Latta would like to have the same thing in Woodgate. This would mean that fewer trash trucks could potentially be in the neighborhood. Yvonne Livingston and Todd Chomiak will work with Cammie on this project.

Greg and Twilla Harter completed the major perimeter cleanup for 2019. Some trees/shrubs on Chambers should be removed. Belleview is worse because of (homeowner owned) older junipers. There were a lot of dead items on Belleview. An especially difficult corner is the intersection of S. Fairplay St and E. Belleview Ave. Jacque Chomiak mentioned that shrubs are not under the same City rules as trees. Greg will do additional research. Greg mentioned that he and Twilla shared 1 safety vest; Diane Nuss will deliver another.

There is a possibility of new ads for the newsletter from Piney Creek and other nearby businesses.

About 2 dozen volunteers and guests attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday June 12, 2019 at Cici's Pizza. This was probably the best attended Volunteer Appreciation Dinner so far.

Earla Connors changed her contact information. Going forward, she will only use her cell number and her email is e.connors.75@gmail.com,

The City of Aurora will have November elections for some City Council positions and the Mayor (due to the passing of the previous Mayor).

Board Meeting Sign Posting Schedule:

Board Meeting signs should be posted by Monday before the meeting and removed by Friday afterwards.

The posting schedule is as follows:

Nancy Charbonneau-corner of Fairplay and Belleview
Earla Connors-corner of Elkhart and Belleview
Yvonne Livingston-Sagebrush Park
Diane Nuss-corner of Layton and Chambers

Action Items:

- The next meeting is on August 14, 2019 at V-Esprit.
- The GoDaddy website rebuild issue has been postponed to the August meeting.
- Yvonne Livingston will continue to contact Bear Creek Stables and Cherry Creek Stables as a backup.
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from approximately 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm at the Mormon Church near the E. Smoky Hill/S. Chambers Road intersection.
- Earla Connors will provide a Welcome Basket for Todd & Jacque Chomiak.
- Yvonne Livingston and Todd Chomiak will work with Cammie Latta on a single trash company for Woodgate.
- Diane Nuss will deliver a safety vest to Greg and Twilla Harter.