
Milburn Fields Board Meeting

February 1, 2022

Mission Statement:

The Milburn Fields HOA Board serves the members by maintaining and enforcing the by-laws in a manner consistent to uphold the value of the neighborhood, bring financial value to the members through reputable service contracts, and foster & grow a sense of community.

Milburn Fields HOA gathered on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on February 1, 2022. Alex Payne, Lauren Wiedt, Justin Wetterer, Terra Herzog, Traci Higbee, and Jan Schwert were present. One of our neighbors, Shawna Childers, also attended the meeting.

Shawna is interested in participating in the city program which will allow chickens in the city limits. She is wondering if our HOA is going to allow people in the neighborhood to participate. Currently our by-laws prohibit "livestock" within the neighborhood. It depends on who you ask as to whether chickens are considered "livestock". The question with which we are faced is whether we as a board want to enforce regulations which do not match city regulations. So if the city allows chickens and we continue to not allow them, what can we do to enforce the prohibition? Our plan at this time is to have a vote at our HOA annual meeting in April on the question, "Are you in favor of Milburn Fields allowing chickens throughout the OP pilot program". This will give us an indication of which way the neighborhood leans on the question at this time. We will have further discussion at our next meeting to determine the specific details. Alex will reach out to our councilman, Logan Healy, to get a map of the neighborhood (the city program requires a property to be a certain size in order to have chickens and not every property in the neighborhood meets that criteria) and a copy of the city resolution to circulate to neighbors before our annual meeting.

We also discussed where we are on finding a lawyer to update our by-laws. We need to make the changes reflecting the decision to allow a maximum of 4 animals per household as per city regulations and for allowing solar panels. And our by-laws need to be updated in general because changes have been made over the years, but they are not in correct legal format. Terra is going to check with some of her connections through the NEC to see if someone can point us to a lawyer we can use for our updates.

The minutes of our last meeting were presented. Lauren moved to approve the minutes and Terra seconded; minutes were approved.

Traci has been working on the Feb. mailing of our final dues letter. She has the labels printed and the letter is done. She will prepare them for mailing and get them out within the next few days. As of this meeting 217 of our neighbors have paid their dues. This leaves 49 who have not paid. Feb. 7th is the final day for a current payment. We will begin making calls on Feb. 15th to those who still have not paid.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for April 2nd at 10:30. We will meet at the Assembly of God Church at the corner of 75th and Robinson. Suggested people to invite for updates are:

- Bailey Patterson – the city arborist. She can remind us what we need to do to keep the newly planted trees healthy and answer any questions we may have about the trees and sod that the city put in last fall.
- Logan Healy and Holly Grummert – our city council members. Update us on news around the city and answer any questions we may have. They can also update us on the Steadfast OP program, the new fire station, and Marty Pool property updates.
- Invite someone to speak to us about the recycling program – recycling dos and don'ts. How we can recycle paint, batteries, and other items that cannot be set out in our weekly recycling bins. We would also like some information regarding the new recycling facility that is being built in Mission.

We are planning to put Milburn Fields signs up around the neighborhood. Alex will put a notice in our newsletter asking for input on the design for these signs. We have a basic design that needs to be followed, but there is room for customizing it for our neighborhood. We would like to have some graphics to present at the annual meeting. The city will begin accepting grant applications this month, so we can apply for a grant to help with the cost of the new signs.

Terra will do 4 gift baskets as door prizes for our annual meeting. We divided up tasks for the annual meeting. We will provide water bottles for the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:20 pm. Our next board meeting will be on March 1st at 6:30. We plan to do a Zoom meeting again.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Schwert, Secretary