

## Audubon Hills Property Owner Association Meeting Minutes

**June 21, 2003**-Called to order 9:20am

Officers: James McCarthy, President; Kimberly McCarthy, vice-president; Suzanne Collier, Secretary-Treasurer; Jim Wells, Neighborhood Watch; Don Murray, Director; Steve Bates, Director.

Dedications- There are two people that have been instrumental to the creation and development of Audubon Hills. In an effort to express our appreciation AND continue the beautification of Audubon Hills, two benches have been dedicated to Merrill Adams and Walter Haefele.

Merrill's plaque reads: Merrill Adams 1906 – 2000 The father of AUDUBON HILLS  
Walter's plaque reads: Dedicated to Walter Haefele For his hand in creating AUDUBON HILLS

All in attendance were pleased with the benches, and Walter was quite surprised, which was our intention! Soon, the benches will be placed in cement, on Audubon Drive, at the big curve (4 corners) and in front of the Haefele's home. Perfect resting spots, while on a walk.

Elections-The positions vice president and a director's position were up for election.

\*\*Ernie Woods motioned to retain Kim McCarthy and Steve Bates for their respective positions. All were in favor.

Appreciation-Whitey Atchley expressed his appreciation to the current board, for all their efforts.

Financial Statement-Sue Collier has been wonderful keeping up with all the records for our accounts. The start of the treasurer's report is \$5108.79 and ending is \$6291.96. We've had a record this year, of paid dues, which is really appreciated.

Neighborhood Watch-Police don't inform NW, so each officer has to communicate with the commander, to make NW work. Being an officer isn't time consuming, but merely a person to help contact a few neighbors in the event of an emergency.

"Operation Identification" is a program that is encouraged by law enforcement and supported by NW. This program basic principal is to engrave all items of value you own. Engraving or markings of any kind reduce the value of that particular item for resale. If your property is found by law enforcement, they know where to find the owner. We would like to purchase a heavy-duty engraver, to loan out, so all neighbors can mark their items.

\*\*Whitey Atchley made a motion to purchase an engraver for loan to neighbors. All in favor, passed.

NW stickers vs. License plate frames-there were a lot of discussion on this topic. We need to order new stickers, but wanted to give neighbors the option. Most people didn't want bumper stickers on their cars, some like the idea of license plate frames, some liked stickers. All agreed a non-descript sticker would be best (doesn't say Audubon Hills), because it could be dangerous for law enforcement and the like that live in here. They don't want to be found! All agreed, a sticker with a bird would be sufficient enough, and we didn't need license plate frames. The purpose of the stickers is so we know that the person on the street lives here.

\*\*Motion was made to purchase both static cling AND outside window stickers(for dark back windows). All in favor, passed.

New neighborhood watch areas have been established, and we are currently looking for volunteer captains. Please sign up for your area, on the table, and we will contact you with a meeting for Neighborhood Watch orientation. If you've been a captain before, and still wish to be, please sign up. We are not assuming previous positions held are still desired.

Emergency Exit Maps-We are looking at updating the maps. We don't want a free for all scramble, in the event of our entrance being blocked. We need to keep these emergency exits clear, which has not been done in some time. Sheriff and Fire will need to be notified, but not responsible for their upkeep. We plan on returning to the owners of adjacent properties, and re-requesting their permission to pass in the event of an emergency. So far, most owners have been in agreement to allow passage through their property. Keep in mind, fire will make every effort to make our front exit passable, but a back up plan is always a smart idea.

CSD-Slash from roadside clearing is the property owner's responsibility. The owners were supposed to clear back on their property in the first place, so their job has been cut in half!

Property Tax-Owners get a tax reduction for owner occupied dwellings. It's called a "Homeowners Exemption". Take a look at your tax bill to see if it's on there. If your home has been a vacation home, and is now your permanent dwelling, you probably don't have the discount. Be sure to ask the tax collector about various discounts for seniors.

Street Signs-In the event of a fire, all of our street signs would burn. This makes it incredibly difficult for the fire department, paramedics, or sheriff to find our streets if there is an emergency in your home. Mark Stanley also said that heavy smoke would also sight of the signs, because the signs are not reflective. We would like to purchase quality, fire resistance street signs for Audubon Hills. No purchases would be made, until all members vote on the one they feel best fits our neighborhood and safety.

\*\*A motion is made to purchase new charming metal/reflective street signs for all the streets in Audubon Hills. All in favor, passed.

Bus Stop Maintenance-Volunteers are needed to pressure wash and paint the bus stop. It was originally made and finished in 1989, during the Loma Prieta Quake. Please sign up on the form on the table, call, or e-mail us.

Bylaws- Discussed updated bylaws to clearly state our purpose and election schedule. Motion made by Ernie Woods to approve new bylaws, all were in favor.

Speeders-Once again, speeders have been of issue. This isn't any different that it has since Audubon Drive has been paved. The safety difference is that there are more people living in here, and at the rate some neighbor's, their friends, and delivery drive, it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. We can't keep ignoring the problem, only to take action after something happens. Speed bumps or dips don't work, because of snow clearing issue's appeal to younger drivers to "peel out" on them, and who wants to be the first person with a speed bump in front of their house? All the noise of construction and delivery trucks would drive them nuts.

\*\*A motion was made to have CSD review this problem and see if they can come up with any solutions. It's a road maintenance issue, so they should handle it. All in favor, passed.

Gate-This issue needs to be put to rest. A gate will not be feasible for Audubon Hills. There isn't enough room to provide a place to stop while the gate is opening. Traffic can't wait on North Canyon and the slope on Audubon Drive before North Canyon is too icy and steep to stop on in the winter. The county will not permit us to put one in.

Video Camera-After the recent crime wave, the discussion of video cameras was on everybody's mind. Mark Stanley mentioned the continued maintenance on these items is relentless. Most agreed that this was something that probably wouldn't get done. Some ideas were shared, and we are currently exploring those solutions to our break-in issues. We have to be the eyes and ears of our community. A good neighborhood watch program isn't nose, it's crime prevention. Let's work together on this.

Meeting adjourned 10:45am