

SGHOA Board Minutes for April 5, 2010

President John Pecic called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Present, in addition to Pecic were members Gordon White, Donna Powers and Dale Fletcher and Armstrong Representative Mike Blessing. Members Ed Collins, Gary Gooch and Lisa Couture were absent.

Alexandria Police sergeant Tom Magyar was not present at this meeting.

Personnel from the assessor's office were present to talk to residents' concerns about Summer's Grove real estate assessments including Bryan Page, Michael Slavin and Claire Knauss. They explained how they arrived at the 2010 assessments, noting that they had corrected the inaccurate records on lofts and other spaces. "Basements," they explained, were the built-in garage spaces in our townhouses.

Secretary White asked the assessors if they adjusted assessments for the fact that within Summer's Grove the Association and, therefore, residents pay for the building, maintenance, lighting and snow plowing of the streets, whereas other Alexandria residents do not maintain nor plow their streets. The assessors ducked the issue, saying that they only use comparable sales data. They said the Alexandria City Council would have to answer the question of the cost of street maintenance and plowing.

President Pecic said the association would attempt to set up a meeting with one or more members of City Council to press the "fairness" issue.

The minutes of the February and March, 2010, Board meetings were approved 3-0-1.

There was discussion of two bids to clean up the sand left over from the winter, both in the vicinity of \$1,500. Mike Blessing was asked to try to find lower bids.

A resident noted that a hornets' nest still exists in the play lot and needs to be removed. Blessing said it would be taken care of.

President Pecic said re-issuance of parking passes, with one per unit, was under discussion. Residents could get temporary passes from Armstrong Management for particular events. He noted that there will be limited discussions of parking at future Board meetings until the Parking Committee provides their recommendations.

Pecic said total costs of removal of the 2009-2010 snowfalls, and cleanup of the sand and downed trees would cost Summer's Grove in excess of \$35,000, more than \$25,000 more than was budgeted for the year. The snow emergencies will almost certainly require a special assessment of in the area of from \$200 to \$250 per unit.

There was discussion of residents' concerns about parking and other issues including unit maintenance, but no action was taken.

There were no committee reports.

Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 810 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26th, 2010.

There was a brief executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon E. White, Secretary