

## Arrowwood Improvement Association Board Meeting Notes February 8, 2017

Attending: Craig Rhodine, Jeanne Gardner, Lonnie Wheeler, Bob Efram.

Not present: Deb Fiala, Laurie Efram, Greg Bielanski, Dana Merveldt, Steve Merveldt.

As a quorum did not exist, the meeting consisted of discussion only.

Mr. Rhodine opened the meeting at 1905.

ACC: Lonnie had talked to a gentleman who wanted to build a workshop; he has provided a plot plan but not a structure plan yet. Lonnie said he has not heard any more from the man who asked about a fence or the request for a mother-in-law addition.

Lonnie also visited the property on Saddlehorn Trail which was the subject of a neighbor complaint. He spoke with the resident and looked at the construction that had been started. A building permit had been secured from El Paso County 2.5 years ago, but it has expired. He is now building an attached storage shed on the side of the house to contain work material which is currently piled in the yard. Lonnie said the construction is very good and there are no setback issues, but the resident agreed to stop work and submit an application to the ACC.

Lonnie reminded the board to watch their AIA email, as he had received a few emails and had not noticed them right away. He will send a new link to the new server so we can get to our email; he said his email address and password did not change so we should not have any problems once we get to the right place.

Neighborhood Watch: no updates. Jackie is hoping to visit the new people now that the snow is melting.

Firewise: Lonnie said he is still looking for the letter he said at the last meeting he was going to post. We need to ask if we can get two more signs so we have enough to place one on each entrance to the neighborhood. Lonnie said we will probably have to get a separate post for the Firewise sign, but putting it on the Neighborhood Watch post or adding another post might look too cluttered. Some of the NW posts are leaning and need to be replanted. Bill Mayo suggested putting the sign on a shorter sign post and placing it next to the stone neighborhood signs, which seems to be a good idea. Craig asked if anyone had gotten a positive reception from their insurance companies. Bob Heyda talked to State Farm and, after much back and forth, was told that insurance companies are waiting for the overall rating for the area to drop before they start lowering premiums. As more neighborhoods become Firewise Communities, the rating should eventually go down. Craig said that he was told by his Farmers agent that Firewise is becoming better known but is still not very well understood yet and got pretty much the same explanation.

Greg had emailed the Board, reporting that he had contacted El Paso County about the dead trees on the lot at Hwy 105 & Arrowwood. They are now on El Paso County's action list so, needless to say, we will be following up; but at least they are aware of it and, should something happen, it will look good from a liability standpoint.

Bob Heyda had forwarded an email to Lonnie about "Preparedness Day," Saturday May 6: "Apply for \$500 grants to be used on Wildfire Preparedness Day projects. Apply now through March 3 for a \$500 grant to be used on that day [May 6]. Sponsored by National Fire Protection Association." We could use this for a Chipping Day. André Mouton said the county is applying for one of these \$500 grants for awareness and Firewise Assessment kits; he is working with EPC to do a community awareness/preparedness day, and to make it HOA-focused. There would follow-up, not just one activity day. The idea would be to get HOAs appoint Firewise a representative for their neighborhood to talk to folks about doing an assessment of their properties, and to network with other Firewise Communities.

We would have to apply before our next meeting – we decided to just apply on the basis of chipping and, if we get it, we can plan for the Chipping Day on May 6. This will fit with beetle life cycle – they fly June - August. Bill Mayo suggested we can always commit funds to the chipping company on that day and schedule the actual chipping day for later.

Covenants Review – the committee had a meeting and made some final updates; as soon as Lonnie gets them completed, the final draft will be going out for Board input before sending to attorney. They decided to put an explanation at the bottom with justification for why certain items are included along with board perspective.

Any progress with the changeable sign design, because the existing ones are not holding up in the wind? Lonnie said he needs to take the design to the plastics company and he hasn't done that yet, partially because it's not the best time of year to be digging holes. By April the ground should be soft enough.

Bill Mayo asked if the meetings are ever more well-attended and wondered how we can incentivize attendance, such as a discount on dues. Our meetings are normally lightly attended unless there is a contentious subject to discuss, and probably this is a good thing because it means that people are generally happy. Awareness of the Firewise Plan and proposed Covenant changes may increase homeowner participation in the meetings.

Meeting concluded at 1935.