

RCHCA meeting 4 April 2013

President John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting (11 October 2012) were read and approved.

David Hall gave the treasurer's report, reporting \$6680 in income (primarily dues) and expenses of \$1400. The newsletter was the biggest expense at \$880 with gardening work on one of the triangles costing circa \$500. This leaves a cash balance of \$15,765 and there are no liabilities. The balance left in the litigation fund is \$8267 after expenses thus far of about \$70,000. A motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed to accept the report.

The nominating committee reported that they had been unsuccessful in finding someone to agree to take over the duties of the treasurer. Outgoing treasurer David Hall gave a brief explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the office and how much effort is involved. The other serving officers have agreed to continue for another year. The floor was opened for additional candidates for those offices and especially for Treasurer. No nominations were forthcoming. Nominations were closed and 3 officers were elected by acclamation. Thus our officers for this year are:

President:	John Robinson
Vice President:	Sam Statland
Treasurer:	VACANT
Secretary:	Ken Sanford
Past President:	Joe Rosenberg

President John Robinson gave a report of the litigation efforts to save our park from the Board of Education. It has been ruled that RCHCA does have 'standing' to challenge whether the county has acted properly. John feels that we are getting a fair hearing, and that a ruling is expected shortly. If we win they could appeal, but it would take years to resolve. If we lose, we would have grounds to appeal. John noted that the litigation fund is strictly separate from the general fund and requested authority to have the discretion to continue the process provided that the park conversion litigation funds and expenses continue to be separated from RCHCA's other activities. There was a single dissenting vote.

In other business, it was noted that there are two businesses being operated out of homes that are in violation of the covenants. Also there are some new fence problems. Also, there is apparently one owner who has explored the possibility of consolidating two lots and building townhouses. Tom Sisti made a motion to authorize the board to enforce the covenants as they see fit when there is a clear violation of the covenants. This was seconded and passed without opposition.

It was reported that the county is stepping up efforts to replace trees on right of ways. There are matching funds available, but they do not grind stumps anymore. There was interest expressed on getting trees planted along Kensington Parkway which is park land.

Cathy Fink, a local folk musician, has offered to hold some sort of musical, entertainment event for children with proceeds going to the RCHCA litigation fund.

On behalf of Fifi Chase John Robinson and others briefly explained the concept of "The Village". This is basically a community service organization within a neighborhood. Provides assistance of various forms to neighbors, arranges social events, etc. There are quite a few of these around, circa 30 in the metro area, but not yet in RCH. RCHCA would not sponsor but would assist in the organization of such a group. There will be a planning meeting on 16 May at Fifi's house.

There was no other new business.

It was noted that the litigation fund could use additional money.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28.