

Hampton Cove Owners Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2006

Submitted by Katie Lyles

Present (Board & Staff): Donn Hall (presiding officer), Reggie Spivey, Brian Monroe, Jason Clowers, Wade Hays, John Hays, Jose Sanchez, Blake Bentley, Donna Hays, Katie Lyles, and Cindy Norton

Approximately 24 residences were present.

Guests: Donnie Daly, Don Pritchett, Sergeant Ease, Mark Russell

Donn Hall conducted the annual meeting and began the meeting at 6:02.

Donn introduced Officer Donnie Daly as the first speaker. Officer Daly introduced Investigator Don Pritchett and Sergeant Glenn Eaves who accompanied him to help field questions. Officer Daly informed the residents that Hampton Cove is a member of the South Precinct (213-4502). He gave two numbers for residents to call to report non-emergency crimes. The alternative response line is 427-7114 and the non-emergency number is 427-7114. He noted that auto theft and break-ins are the most common reports in the Hampton Cove areas and informed residents to keep the doors locked and garage doors closed. He also noted that there is a neighborhood watch led by Mr. Volinski in Sussex Quarter. He then opened the floor to resident questions.

Q. We are concerned with traffic flow. Can we get increased patrol/watch around Sutton Drive?

A. We have been running radar on the Eastern Bypass. If residents will call and give specific times for specific areas, we can monitor those areas.

Q. What is the status of the digital speed sign located where the four lanes reduce to two lanes?

A. Officer Daly was not sure to who set up that sign.

Q. Could we have an officer take radar around the Mill Run area?

A. Yes, contact the office and tell them times and where.

Q. How large is the South Precinct?

A. Around 95 officers

Q. What is the procedure to control barking dogs?

A. Contact Animal Control (883-3788) and they will go on a visit and follow their own procedures

Q. Is there always an officer present in the Hampton Cove area?

A. There are 6 zones that are covered by the South Precinct and there is typically always an officer in each zone. Sometimes there may be more than one and other times there may be lacking one depending on priority calls and special circumstances for the entire area.

Q. Is Huntsville moving toward increased crime rates?

A. He couldn't answer definitely; however, increased crime comes with growth and this area is growing.

Donn introduced Mark Russell. Mark updated the Hampton Cove residences of all the growth in Huntsville recently as well as explaining some city projects that were in the works. He stated that the most common complaint from the Hampton Cove area is the Hampton House and traffic flow around the Hampton House when they are hosting events. Mark has spoke with the Hampton House and they have agreed to have an off-duty police officer direct traffic next year for special events. He noted that the Greenway plan is still in progress. He stated that he is available by email with a typical response time of 24 hours (mark.russell@hsvcity.com). He then opened the floor to questions.

Q. Who do you contact about standing water (drainage) behind home?

A. The City of Huntsville and the Homeowners Association

Q. How long should the Governors Drive road expansion project take?

A. It will be done in two phases but I can't quote a length of time; however, it should get high priority because so many people use it and for the hospital.

Q. Is the area past Flint Mill going to become a four lane road?

A. No, it will be a two lane road with a turning lane.

Q. What is the City doing to help the HCA with the Gurley Quarry?

A. The Gurley Quarry has nothing to do with the city; however, Mark Russell will represent the HCA at City meetings.

Q. Will they repave Little Cove Road?

A. Mark Russell would have to check because it is believed that Little Cove Road belongs to the county.

Donn Hall then introduced the new 2007 Board members. Jose Sanchez, Diane Harris, and Brian Monroe are the new elected members. John Hays appointed Blake Bentley to the one year appointed term.

Donn then began to present the 2007 Annual Meeting PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is attached and made part of these minutes. After the presentation, Donn opened the floor for questions.

Q. What amount is attributed per resident to the capital fund?

A. \$14 of the \$308 annual dues is attributed to the capital fund.

Q. What are the rules on soliciting?

A. A solicitor can apply for a license and if they obtain that license they have the right to go door-to-door. The HCOA tries to discourage solicitors with stickers (available in the HCOA office) and signs posted throughout the neighborhood.

Q. Will trees that have been damaged be replaced? Especially the area around Mill Run?

A. Yes, Donna will plant no more pears of any type and replace them in the future with a sturdier species.

Q. Are dogwoods allowed?

A. Yes and they are considered a small tree. Donna stated that in her experience they don't do as well out here.

Q. Is there going to be an entrance from Caldwell Lane to Grande Highlands?

A. No because of safety concerns.

Q. Are there any plans and funds to dredge the lakes?

A. Nothing in the works but will go evaluate the condition of the lakes.

Q. Can we get trash cans set up in common grounds?

A. No answer was given as this was more of a suggestion rather than a question.

Q. What is the rule regarding trash pick-up?

A. Trash may not be put out before sundown on the day before pick up. Limbs and debris should be put on top the curb and not in front of the curb.

Q. Who controls parking in the streets?

A. If a vehicle is permanently parked in the street or not in working order, we will send a notice; however, the streets are controlled by the city and the city encourages parking in the streets to slow down traffic.

Q. What are the 2007 annual dues?

A. They remain the same at \$308.

Q. Is there a Twelvestones representative on the Board?

A. Not exactly, the HCOA Board is a representative board for the entire community; however, there are two members on the current board who do live in Twelvestones.

Q. What is going on behind Twelvestones and Cobblestone Cove by the Sublett's land?

A. Don't know because it is not land owned by the HCOA.

Q. Can the HCOA maintain the common area around Little Cove Road better?

A. The HCOA is currently working with the City in investigating whose responsibility is and what can be done.

Q. Is there a plan for a Sussex Quarter entrance where the Eastern Bypass and Little Cove Road intersects?

A. No, entrances are built by the developer and there is already a main entrance for the Sussex Quarter residents.

Q. Can solar lights be placed at one of the Stoneleigh Terrace signs?

A. Donna will research and price solar lights.

After the final question, Donn Hall thanked everyone for coming and ended the meeting 7:45.