

Green Mountainside Civic Association  
Annual Meeting  
October 1, 2015 6:00 p.m.  
Minutes

Green Mountain United Methodist Church

The meeting of the Board of Green Mountain Civic Association was called to order at 6:05 pm by Dianne Rhodus. A quorum of Board members as well as members of GMCA was present. (Diane Rhodus, Dave Murphy, Carl Worster, Charlotte Worster, Mary Kealey, Dave Weichman)

**Lakewood Candidate Forum:** One main purpose of this meeting was to introduce candidates for the mayoral position of Lakewood and Ward 4 Council Members in the upcoming November 3 election. Present were Adam Paul and Ramey Johnson running for the position of Mayor and Barbara Franks and Michael C. Coughlin seeking the position of Ward 4 representative. Each presented a brief statement of his/her feelings about upcoming issues facing our city. A question/answer period followed. The relationship between GMCA and the City of Lakewood is important to our neighborhood since we are not covenant controlled. Historically, we have relied on the city to enforce ordinances as well as successfully encouraged new ordinances.

**Election of GMCA Board Members:** The membership present voted on the slate of five returning board members for GMCA: Lee Flower, Bill Hunter, Mary Kealey, Diane Rhodus, and Dave Wiechman. Joe Margotte was elected as a new board member. These six board members will serve a two-year term, 2016-2017.

**Neighborhood Issues from 2014 Annual Meeting:** Concerns about marijuana grow houses and problems properties brought up last year were updated. Regarding the marijuana issue, the City has passed an ordinance that limits the growing of marijuana plants to six plants and they must be grown within the residence itself.

Problem properties are a continuing problem of conflict between rights of the property owner since rights take precedence over the concerns of the neighborhood. The GMCA Board will monitor the concerns of such areas fire hazard, health issues, etc.

The final topic for discussion regarded participation in GMCA and its sponsored activities. Of the 1,100 residences in our association area, about 1/3 are financial contributors of our modest \$25.00 annual "dues". The total number fluctuates a bit year to year. Activities sponsored by GMCA that are well attended are the spring and fall clean-up weekend, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Annual Festival/Picnic. Sparse attendance occurs at Board Meetings, the best attended is the Annual Meeting, particularly in presidential election years when candidates for major positions in the state and nation are up for election.

To the credit of GMCA, several members attending this annual meeting said they are very happy with the organization but surprised that there is not more participation from residents. That is an issue we all need to address during the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Worster  
Recording Secretary