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## MALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2006

President, Don Szalkowski, called the meeting to order at the Clarksville Library at 7 p.m.

**Present:** Richard Allen, Jerry Billingsley, Mike Cottrell, Martha Day, Marian Davis, Jerry Mabrey, Sharon Sinkiewicz, Don Sinkiewicz, John Stinson, Don Szalkowski, Danny Thacker, Dewitt VanArsdale, Larry Wood, Richard Wikle, Judy Williams, and Bill Woodfin.

**Excused:** Richard Crouch, Clarence Neese, and Billy Wells.

**Observers:** Phil Hart, Kathy Cottrell and Paul Lautermilch.

The minutes of the December 13, 2005 Board Meeting, having been distributed to Board Members and posted on the association Web Site, were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Operating Statement were distributed. The Treasurer noted that the investment data is as of 31 December 2005 in that the January investment data report is not yet available. He also noted that eleven property owner's 2005 assessments have not been received. Letters explaining the consequence of this have been mailed to the property owners. Three owners have since paid their past due assessments.

### **President's Report:**

Activity Reminder Sign: Judy Williams presented her findings on various options for the message board proposed and discussed at the last board meeting. Discussion focused on the need, location and possible vandalism of such a board. The matter was tabled for the time being. Later in the meeting Ms. Williams asked that the Board make a decision in the matter. After further discussion concerning cost and need, the Board voted not to establish an activity reminder sign at the entrance. The Common Facilities Chair will investigate the feasibility of using the MALA Bulletin Board located at the tennis courts for this purpose.

Board Meeting Frequency: Having board meetings every month instead of every two months was discussed. Motion was made, seconded and passed without dissent to keep the meeting schedule as is with special meetings being called when the necessity arises.

Association Governance Committee: Sharon Sinkiewicz announced that the committee has been formed and will be meeting in the near future to select a chairperson and begin the review and updating of MALA By-Laws, Restrictive Covenants and numerous Association Policy Declarations, Rules and Regulations.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Architectural Committee: The Committee approved the construction of two houses (Highpoint Boulevard and Oak Run) and one garage (Holly Lane).

Appearance and Beautification: No Report

Aviation: The Chair reported that Mr. F. Hale asked that a sign prohibiting motor vehicles on the airstrip be erected at the corner of Merifield and Meriwether Drives. After discussion it was determined that the existing sign stating, "Use at Own Risk" was sufficient. Upon motion, the Board denied the request.

Common Facilities: There are no issues that impact the common facilities at this time, however, future consideration should be given to repairing and cleaning up the men and ladies' restrooms at MALA Park. The red barn may also need some repair in the near future.

The Chair met with MALA's Maintenance Contractor, Ralph Moore, concerning the walking path along Lakepoint Drive and recommends that it be left as is. He plans to cut the grass and weeds along the path per the maintenance contract, however, the contractor is not licensed to use herbicides.

Dennis Hayes Construction has moved out of the MALA building. Ralph Moore has assumed the duties of taking custody and issuing responsibilities of the common facilities key and use permits.

Finance: The Chair noted that MALA investments in 2005 increased by \$7,100, an overall gain of 10%. The Fidelity Growth and Mid Cap Funds both gained 13% and the Puritan Fund did poorest, gaining 4.5%.

The Finance Committee does not recommend any changes to MALA's current investment program.

Political and Environmental: No Report

Roads and Maintenance: Drainage problems and solutions for the Bettis and Roberts properties on Meriwether Drive were discussed in detail. It was concluded from the discussion that a solution acceptable to all parties is not obvious and that MALA has limited, or no legal responsibility, in the matter since it involves drainage on private properties. The Roads Committee will ask our road-engineering consultant if he can

suggest a solution for these property owners. The committee will continue to meet with the property owners.

Newsletter: Merifield Acres Newsletter, Vol. XII, No. 1 will be issued either before the Easter Egg Hunt or shortly after the April Board Meeting. The Newsletter will mention that, effective January 1, 2006, anyone needing keys for the tennis court or Oak Park should contact Ralph Moore at 374-2945. Committee Chair are requested to submit information of general interest to the community to the Newsletter Editor, Martha Day, no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

Security: No Report

Service District: The next meeting of the MALA Committee is scheduled for 10 a.m. on February 10, 2006. Chair reported that the County Administrator has been in contact and that the County Staff is actively engaged in the Service District subject.

School and Youth: Plans for the Easter Egg Hunt are in process. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help will be welcome. Contact Jill Allen at 374-0399.

Welcoming Committee: Since December 20, 2005, the committee has welcomed one family, Peter and Taistiya Klimas at 115 Longmeadow Drive. The committee is in the process of dividing and potting some dozen houseplants of four varieties for distribution.

Deer Control: Felix Anderson reported that twelve deer were harvested (one by auto) this year, nine of which were doe.

E-Mail Manager: Don Sinkiewicz noted that he is in the process of setting up a Google News Group Page for the Board of Directors.

Web Master: Paul Lautermilch reported that he continues working on getting past MALA minutes posted on the MALA web site.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

High Speed Internet Access: Sharon Sinkiewicz reported that the effort being led by Joe Noah to interest a group in bringing high speed internet access to Merifield has identified fifteen potential subscribers. More on this will be forth coming at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Clarksville Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Davis, Secretary