

Important Message from the Oak Park of Flower Mound HOA President

Following the conclusion of our HOA meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Flower Mound Police Station Conference Room, the other Board of Directors (BOD) members and I thought it was important to provide a follow-up to what turned out to be a rather contentious session.

To those of you who were in attendance, thank you for your continued interest in the affairs of our community. Since our election to office last August, the BOD has worked tirelessly to reestablish the affairs of the Oak Park of Flower Mound Homeowners Association consistent with our By-laws and Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs). In doing so, we've been confronted with some tough decisions, the first of which was to substantially raise our yearly HOA dues from the level that had existed since the creation of our HOA in the early 1990's.

We also took immediate steps to revise our long dormant web site, a web site that despite our paying yearly fees to the hosting company, was nonfunctional. We accomplished the web site revision in a timely, cost effective manner that now allows us to provide important and timely two way communications to a large majority of our HOA members

We took steps to reestablish our Architectural Control Committee (ACC) which has a critical responsibility in helping our community live up to its Mission Statement, which is *"To ensure that the Community of Oak Park is an exceptional and desirable place in which to live"*. Three volunteers were selected at a prior general HOA meeting to serve on the Architectural Control Committee. Since their selection, they have walked the entire Oak Park community and submitted to the BOD an initial list of potential code violations as described in our By-laws and CC&Rs.

The BOD took action on some, but not all, of their findings. The primary reason for taking this approach was the unfortunate precedents that might have been established in the past by previous BODs and ACCs when enforcement of our Bylaws and CC&Rs was inconsistent. The current BOD decided that many potential code violations must be resolved in a carefully moderated manner that will take in consideration the best interests of the HOA and individual homeowner.

Which brings me back to the April 12 meeting; the attendance at this meeting was far and away higher than any previous HOA since the current BOD's election to office, including several HOA members who were attending their very first HOA meeting. To eliminate the potential for future acrimony, the BOD will meet and establish meeting guidelines, consistent with our By-laws and CCRs, that will be fair to all in attendance. Whatever decisions we reach regarding meeting protocol will be publicized on our web site at www.oakparkhoa.com.

We welcome your suggestions on ways to improve our Homeowners Association and its varying functions.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.