

Maplewood Civic Club  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2019

Board Members Present: Phil Kunetka, Bob Baumgartner, Jerry Hebert, Marilyn Rambow and Janice Miller

The Maplewood Civic Club annual meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

Phil introduced Lt. Hutter and Officer Narcisse. Lt. Hutter discussed his lifetime connection to Maplewood Civic Club because he grew up in Maplewood and has a special interest in the club. Officer Narcisse mentioned keeping cars locked, etc. A question was asked if they give speeding tickets. Discussion around traffic violations and other observations of the members.

Secretary – Janice presented minutes from the 2018 annual meeting. No questions were raised. A motion to approve was made and then a second motion. All approved as is.

Board was voted on as slated. Motion to approve and seconded from the members and all approved. The 2020 Board and slate of officers are:

Phil Kunetka – President

Bob Baumgartner – VP and chair of Architectural Committee

Greg Chilek – VP Landscaping

Jerry Hebert – VP Security

Marilyn Rambow – Treasurer

Janice Miller - Secretary

Architectural committee – Bob described the committee and the duties. Two members were nominated, Ty Sponberg and Kevin Metter. All voted to approve the members.

Treasurer report – Marilyn discussed the financials from beginning of year to date. Explained the difference between club general funds and security patrol funds. Then discussed the security patrol income and expenses. No questions were raised about the report.

Phil read Greg's report for the Landscaping report. He reported the following:

*Nothing out of the ordinary happened in 2019. We continued with the landscape contractor, Aaron's Landscape. Their responsibility is weekly cleaning trash off the esplanades on Beechnut and Hillcroft within our neighborhood borders. They maintain the bullet plantings of bushes and roses at the Beechnut intersections at Hillcroft and Renwick along with planting around the three neighborhood monuments. We mulch all these beds annually and fertilize twice a year. Another area that we maintain is the Renwick easement south of Beechnut where the road becomes a single lane of traffic. We mow and trim this area twice a month to keep this area clean for our neighbors. It is good to see many neighbors utilizing this space walking dogs and playing games.*

*We continued with the weekly mosquito spraying service in Maplewood from April 1 until October 30. This year the mosquitos must not have been very aggressive since I didn't receive any calls for extra spraying. I think the drier summer helped. We will continue this service next year.*

*We are and will continue to participate in the Rotary Flag Program. This program puts out flags for a week four times a year.*

- *Memorial Day*
- *Independence Day*
- *Presidents Day*
- *Veterans Day*

*We subscribe to two flags at each of our monuments. We did have a flag stolen from one of our monuments this year. I notified the Rotary Flag contact and the replacement flag was installed the next day. This is a wonderful program.*

Jerry gave his Security report and discussed the website content for the security report and who to call when needed. He showed where to find the report and how often it's updated.

Janice and Jerry showed a glimpse of the new MCC website to the members and discussed the future ability for dues and assessments payments to be made via PayPal through the website.

Architectural committee – Bob discussed the yellow cards from the deed restriction committee. Bob discussed the issues with Airbnb homes on Hillcroft.

Assessments – discussed the history and participation in the assessment program. In 2019, 26 suits were filed in the courts for non-payment of assessments. Bob explained the board voted to keep same amount for dues at \$55.00 and the security assessments will also remain the same at \$185.00 for 2020 even though the price of the contract will go up by 4.9% for 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Phil called the meeting for Special Assessment Election that commenced at 8:30pm.

The proposal was for an assessment of \$185.00 per Maplewood property owner to pay for the security patrol contract in 2020 with the Harris County Commissioners Court for Precinct 5 under Constable Ted Heap. Services to be provided from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

The final ballot count, with 141 ballots cast, was 120 voted 'For' and 21 voted 'Against' the special security assessment for 2020 was passed with the majority in-favor.

Second meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by Janice Miller.