

# INNIS ARDEN BULLETIN

INNIS ARDEN CLUB, INC. PO Box 77738 SEATTLE, WA 98177-0738 JUNE, 2004

## Board Members

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**Activities:**

Shelley Watson

**Building & Remodels:**

Wendy Higgins

**Clubhouse:**

Al Wagar

**Grounds:**

Ewa Sledziewski

**Reserves:**

Maggie Tabor

## INNIS ARDEN BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2004

Board Members Present: Michael Jacobs, Carol Solle, R.L. Smith, Harley O'Neil, Wendy Higgins, Al Wagar, Maggie Tabor, and Shelley Watson, and Eva Sledziewski. About 60 Shareholders attended.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Jacobs, President at 7:08 p.m.

The Board members were asked to review the May 11, Board minutes. Shelley Watson asked that the minutes be corrected to state that the Activities Committee had asked the Club to pay for a deep cleaning of the Club House including stripping and waxing the floors and thoroughly cleaning the kitchen. It was also mentioned that Marc Weinberg had not agreed to serve on the Bulletin committee.

**Action Taken:** Carol Solle moved and Harley O'Neil seconded a motion to approve the May 11, 200 minutes as corrected. Motion carried. Ewa abstained.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

R.L. Smith reported that there is \$10,554 in the Washington Mutual checking account and \$53,028 in the Washington Mutual Money Market Account. There is still about \$18,000 outstanding in dues collection. R.L. says there is still about \$10,000 per month available to spend. R.L. asked that Dave Fosmire be added to the Washington Mutual checking account as a signor so that he could pay for work and equipment when jobs needed to be done and R.L. was not available.

**Action taken:** R.L. moved and Carol seconded a motion to have Dave Fosmire added as a signor on the Washington Mutual checking account. Motion carried. Shelley Watson excused herself from the vote

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

Michael Jacobs reported that he, Carol Solle, and Maggie Tabor had met with Tim Stewart to discuss claims made by the city of Shoreline that the Innis Arden Club had

removed 18 trees which they did not have a permit to remove. Mike stated that he was optimistic after giving the city an eight page letter from Peter Eglick, along with 32 pages of pictures and supporting documentation that the City would see that the Innis Arden Club had acted prudently in removing the 18 trees which were identified by the arborist as Hazardous and in need of removal. Mike went on to share a letter which it was determined to have been sent out by ARM, but was unclear because it showed City of Shoreline letterhead. Mike refuted many of the claims made in the letter and said that not only was the letter misleading, it was the type of correspondence that erodes our community. Mike read each of the comments in the letter and then explained why they were erroneous. He went on to say that the trees removed were identified as hazardous by the arborist and the current code does not require a permit when a hazardous tree is identified in the field while work is being performed. The City did not have the right to enter the Reserves without approval from the Innis Arden Board. They were, therefore, trespassing.

Michael drew attention to procedures

adopted by the Board in 2002 to resolve issues regarding view height issues. He read Dr. Rust's article in most recent bulletin. Petitions are on the web site for those who have a view complaint. Harley O'Neil has been appointed as chair of the Covent Compliance Committee and they have been meeting to resolve some of these issues. Mike would like to see recommendations for action made to the Innis Arden Board from the View Compliance Committee so that the Board can determine what action to take. Mike went on to say that legal counsel has told the Board that the Board has the authority to sue Shareholders in order to uphold the Covenants, but Mike says that the Board would rather resolve issues between neighbors rather than going to court. Mike hopes that a letter from the Board will get members of the community to respond positively.

Carol asked that we renew the subscription to the Community Association Institute. The Annual fee is \$375.00.

**Action Taken:** Maggie moved and Harley seconded a motion to renew subscription. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Building and Remodels:**

Wendy Higgins reported that she had received an application signed by neighbors allowing for a deck remodel at Jean Stewart's home located at 17048 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N.W. Jean reported that her existing deck had become wet rotted and when the contractor replaced some of the wood he suggested that the triangle shape be changed to make it more stable. She asked the only neighbor who could see the deck and was told it was all right with them. When a complaint was filed, Jean went out to all her neighbors and had the deck remodel signed off.

**Action Taken:** Carol Solle moved and Mike Jacobs seconded a motion to approve the deck. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Activities Committee Report:**

Shelley Watson reported that the Activities Committee met on June 1, 2004. She said that the following items were discussed at the meeting:

Currently, keys to the Boeing Reserve and the tennis court are handled separately. Shelley said

that the Activities Committee would like the Board to authorize the Activities Club to give these keys to new residents in the hospitality packets. Replacement keys will be \$10.00. Replacement keys will be obtained from the Reserves Chair and Diane Geary. Replacements will be given only for lost keys. We will maintain a list of who we give keys to.

**Action Taken:** Harley O'Neil moved and Maggie Tabor seconded that keys be given to all new members to the community. Motion carried.

Block Watch reports that several cars were vandalized over the Memorial Day weekend. In addition, a hammock was removed from a neighbor's backyard so if you've discovered a hammock please see Shelley. Police reports have been filed. Pam Smit requested that police be asked to patrol the community. Shelley responded that she talked with Sgt. Kline who assures the Club that he is patrolling at night and on weekends and he asks that we call any time we see anything suspicious. Non-emergency phone number is 296-3311.

The carpet remnants will be bound.

The Activities committee will be providing a clock for the clubhouse and they are looking into some kind of sound system so there can be nice background music for social events.

**Future events planned by the Activities committee are:**

- Salmon Barbecue, Sunday, September 19, 2004. Co-chairs are Shelley Watson and June Howard. This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbecue. We encourage all to join us and if you would like to volunteer please contact one of the chair persons.
- The Women's Happy Hour was such a popular event that it was decided that the men should have equal time. Roger Lowell has agreed to co-chair a Men's Poker Night in October but he needs a co-chair. Anyone interested can contact Roger.

There will be no Activities Club meeting in July. The next meeting will be in August, date and time to be announced later.

### **Grounds Committee Report:**

Ewa Sledziewski reported that Roger Lowell had called her because he had noticed a white substance on top of the sewer grate. It was determined that backwash from the pool had backed up in the sewer pipe caused by the roots of the Poplar trees entering the sewer lines. Ewa also reported that the Poplar trees are causing problems with the retaining wall located on the west property line of the Innis Arden Club. She planned to meet with Bob Crozier from the City of Shoreline to determine who the Poplar trees belonged to and to determine what could be done about them.

Ewa asked that volunteers come to the front of the Club House on June 26<sup>th</sup> and help clean the area up. Pizza would be served for those who helped.

### **Club House Report:**

Al Wagar reported that Rentals are picking up. Three events are scheduled for June, one for July and one for September with current rental deposits of \$650.00 (plus damage deposits). We're about \$1,300 or \$1,400 into the \$2,000

budget for clubhouse maintenance and repair, with costs for carpeting, baseboard, and binding carpet remnants for use as area rugs. Al asked if anyone had a key to the furnace room, as he needs to make sure everything is operating properly. Pam Smit responded that she may have one.

### **Reserves Committee Report:**

Maggie Tabor reported that John Hollinrake had applied for removing trees in the Running Water reserve after receiving approval from the Innis Arden Board at the previous meeting. Dave Fosmire, who also had received approval from the Board, had also submitted his application to the City of Shoreline. Bids are being requested for work needed in Bear Reserve. A Maple and Alder tree are being removed. Maggie reported that there is a lot of debris which should be all cleaned up by Thursday.

Mike from Ronald Wastewater says that Ronald Wastewater has responsibility for repair to the bridge in Blue Heron. He says they will be starting that work soon and wanted to know if the Innis Arden Club was going to do anything about the steps leading up to the Bridge. Concern

was expressed about access to the Beach. Young people are accessing the beach across Burlington Northern railroad tracks. It was suggested that signage be constructed to restrict access to the beach because of the inherent danger. Stacey Pederson asked when a Reserves Committee meeting would be scheduled? Maggie said that she would be getting back to member.

Carol asked the Board to look at the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Discussion followed with some people expressing concern about what could and could not be changed. Al Wagar suggested that a Legal Advisory Committee be established.

**Action Taken:** Michael Jacobs moved and Maggie Tabor seconded a motion to Table action on the Changes to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation until the next Board meeting.

### **Community Comment:**

Bonnie Jardine expressed concern about continued work in the Reserves.

Elaine Phelps wanted to reply to earlier comments made by Michael Jacobs concerning the letter sent out by ARM. She said that the letter was to inform the community about the City of Shoreline's imposing a fine on the Innis Arden Club and provide communication that she felt had not been provided. She went on to say that the Reserves were never included in the View Covenant Amendments.

Adam and Cindi Kerner, new residents to the community living at 16720 -15<sup>th</sup> Ave N.W. stated that they had applied to the City of Shoreline to remove some trees in the right-of-way and had been given permission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley O'Neil, Secretary

## Blockwatch Reminder

Please report criminal activity to police at 911 (emergency) or 296-3311 (non-emergency) as well as to your Blockwatch captain:

Innis Arden I:  
Cindy Rasch (542-1230)

Innis Arden II:  
Shelley Watson (542-4369)

Innis Arden III:  
Judy Allen (542-3219)

Your Innis Arden subdivision is the first number printed in the upper left corner of the address label on your Bulletin.

- McCormicks had a hammock taken from their backyard. Please return if found.
- Sgt. Kline patrols Innis Arden during nights and weekends. Anyone wishing to talk to him can call: 546-6730.

## Activities

Garden Club will not meet in July but we will plan to visit the medicinal garden at Bastyr in August. Please contact Shelley Watson @542-4369 for date and time.

## LOOKING FOR CHAIRPERSONS

(Without Chairpersons, we cannot offer events! Ask a neighbor to co-chair an event with you or we can help find a co-chair)

The Activities Committee is looking for volunteers to chair two of our traditional events: the **HOLIDAY PARTY** and the **RUMMAGE SALE**. The HOLIDAY PARTY is scheduled for December 5th (Sunday) and the RUMMAGE SALE is approximately the first week in March (2005). No action is needed on these events until the fall. The Activities Committee has notebooks for each event providing valuable information of how past events were accomplished. If you would like to chair one of these events or possibly co-chair, please call Pam Smit (533-0240). The AC will be glad to support the new chair's efforts!

There will be **no Activities Committee's meeting for July**. Our next meeting will be in August. Stay tuned for an announcement in July's bulletin.

## MEN'S NIGHT OUT BEING PLANNED!

Ok, the ladies had their night out (which was grrreat), now it is the men's turn. Roger Lowell is looking for another man to help him co-chair this event. It will be a night in October of fun poker and beer. Please call Roger if you are interested in helping the men have their night out. (This will be an easy event to help with and a fun one for the guys!)

## IA Bulletin Info

Items to Josh West (533-8498)  
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Stairs in the Reserves: Attention Eagle Scouts! Reserves Chair Maggie Taber has a project for you! Call 54-7339.

Legal Eagles: We would like to form a 'legal advisory committee' (which has been done in the past) to help the Board with legal issues. For example, we would like to amend the Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws, and seek economical guidance! Call Carol Solle at 542-4978.

**Visit the Innis Arden web site at:**  
<http://www.innisarden.com>

### **Remodels**

If you're planning on any alterations, fencing, additions, etc to your home in Innis Arden please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to assist you and get you headed in the right direction. You may think that what you are planning wouldn't require board approval but to insure that it won't just give me a call and inquire. As I always say, "there is good news and there is bad news, there are covenants" and we all need to stay within those perimeters. There's a procedural packet available upon request. If you need one just call. I even deliver!

Your humble Building/Remodel Chair:  
Wendy Higgins (542-5544)