



**Agenda for March 10, 2009  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc.**

Call to order and introduction — Jan Milic, Chair of the Board

Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting of the board of trustees and  
appointment of secretary to keep minutes of current meeting — Pamela Mason, Secretary

Financial report — Tony Rupcic, Treasurer

Membership report — Nate Wright, Vice President of Membership

Standards report — Erika Van Kirk, Vice President of Standards

Executive report — Jan Milic and Christopher Hubbert, President

FHHO representation at community meetings — Christopher Hubbert

Other business — All

**Minutes of the March 10, 2009  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Forest Hill Homeowners, Inc.**

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009 the Board of Trustees of Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc., held their semi-annual meeting at the McGregor Home. Fifteen trustees attended, constituting a quorum. In addition, the following members of the executive committee were in attendance: Christopher Hubbert, President; Jan Milic, Senior Vice President and Chair of the Board of Trustees; Tony Rupcic, Treasurer; Nate Wright, Vice President for Membership, Jeff Dross, Newsletter Editor, and Pam Mason, Secretary.

**Call to Order and Introduction – Christopher Hubbert, President**

Christopher called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the trustees.

**Approval of Minutes of the October, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees – Pam Mason, Secretary**

Trustees were referred to the FHHO website for the Minutes of the October, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Financial Report – Tony Rupcic, Treasurer**

Tony Rupcic presented the financial report, which the trustees approved. He noted that the number of contributors and the amount contributed both declined in 2008 relative to 2007, and that expenses continue to climb. At present, real estate taxes and landscaping together account for 49% of FHHO expenses.

Discussions centered around issues of contributions:

- Some consideration was given to raising dues to \$60 per year.
- Christopher and Tony noted that most dues-payers are repeaters. Christopher added that those who give tend to give generously.
- About one-third of Forest Hill homeowners are in East Cleveland (350 homes out of a total of 1063 homes in Forest Hill).

It was noted that Tony has completed seven years as treasurer, and all thanked him for the work that he does for the organization.

**Membership Report – Nate Wright, Vice President of Membership**

Nate reported that Forest Hill has welcomed 9 new residents in 2009 YTD. He added that he personally greets new residents whenever possible.

Discussion was wide-ranging:

- Nate announced that Ed Kelly, Cleveland Heights mayor, will discuss foreclosures at a meeting at the Cleveland Heights recreation center on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a discussion at City Hall on the topic of crime in the community.
- Nate and a number of trustees spoke about the need to get more people involved in Forest Hill activities.
- One trustee asked about the possibility of reviving neighborhood awards.
- Nate asked about making a short, educational film about Forest Hill, which might have many uses.

- Chellis Madison applauded the new residents' handbook and advised that FHHO make more copies available.
- Christopher emphasized the crucial importance of trustees as the contact point between the community and FHHO.

#### **Standards Report – Erika van Kirk, Vice President for Standards**

Erika introduced herself to the trustees. She moved here in June 2005 from the state of Washington. She reported that Standards approved 18 applications from June-December, 2008, and has received two applications so far in 2009.

Christopher reminded the group that the trustees approved new maintenance standards at the Fall 2008 meeting. The new standards will be promulgated in the Spring 09 newsletter and will be enforced from that point forward. Discussion followed on details regarding notices, follow-up, etc.

Further conversation centered on the growing recognition that maintenance standards are equally important as construction standards.

#### **Executive Report – Jan Milic and Christopher Hubbert**

Jan focused on the duties of trustees and their role as catalysts of community spirit. Christopher seconded Jan's remarks and added that he is committed to keeping FHHO relevant to the needs of Forest Hill homeowners.

#### **Other Business – All**

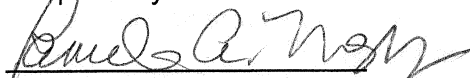
Discussion was wide-ranging, and emphasized the need to make the larger community more aware of the distinctiveness of Forest Hill.

- Questions were raised about road repairs. The difference between smaller streets, which are a city responsibility, and larger streets, which are a joint city/county responsibility, was made clear.
- The position of the City of Cleveland Heights on non-standard street signs – the City is against them – was made clear.
- One of the trustees asked about possibility of a short Newsletter article on the Archives, which contain Forest Hill home blueprints.

Christopher concluded by thanking everyone for coming. He predicted that 2009 will be a challenging year, but FHHO will keep plugging away.

All relevant business having been discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Pamela A. Mason, Secretary