

## **Oberbeck Farm Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2011**

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President, Cindy Alvarez. Introduction of officers & presentation of speakers: President, Cindy Alvarez; Vice-President & Entrance Chairman, Kathy Baron; Secretary, Sara Stevens; Treasurer, Patty Madigan; Webmasters, Sara Stevens and Eileen Alexander; CMPD South Division Community Coordinator, Officer John Kitchens & Officer Beth Jackson

Motion to approve minutes from 2010-approved

CMPD Officer John Kitchens & Officer Beth Jackson of South Division were in attendance to discuss CMPD's involvement in the area. South Division consists of a 60 square miles of residential area which is 125 residential neighborhoods. They are still doing more patrol and zone checks in neighborhoods. The target crimes in the area are Larceny of Automobiles & Residential Burglaries. Suspects are checking to see if residents are home before breaking in. Prime time for residential burglaries is between 8 am – 2 pm. South Division had the largest percentage of crime reduction over all other 39 CMPD response areas. The Officers received an award for their outstanding work. Only 1 reported crime in Oberbeck in the last 6 months which was an automobile larceny. More information can be found at [www.cmpd.org](http://www.cmpd.org). Suggestions for neighbors:

- Be vigilant and watch out for your neighbors
- Lock doors for home and cars and remove all valuables and garage door openers and anything visible in cars.
- Keep a record of serial numbers and info on all of your valuables
- Be suspicious of casing vehicles or persons walking around that do not look like they belong or are acting suspicious.
- If someone comes to your door, always let them know that you are home even if you don't open the door. If they say they have the wrong house, call 911.
- Leave lights on and make your home looks lived in while you are away.
- Random, frequent patrols are made to previous offenders; but always be cautious, even with people you may know.
- Always report any suspicious activity no matter how minor you may think it is-call 911.

The CMPD Court Watch Program has been successful. This is where homeowners are encouraged to participate in helping keep criminals behind bars. Several Oberbeck residents signed up to volunteer. For more information: [www.charmeckcourtwatch.org](http://www.charmeckcourtwatch.org)

Patty Madigan & Kathy Baron gave the Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget for 2011-2012

- Review of Routine Expenses & Income & Current bank balance. Patty added \$1500 to the proposed budget in case of future repairs on entrance are needed. After discussion, it was decided to transfer \$500 of this amount toward the Sharon Road West Project and was approved.
- These projects help in improving the value of the homes in Oberbeck Farm.
- Proposed budget is based on continuing the current dues of \$50.00 per household, but partial payments are welcome for those who are financially burdened.
- Motion to approve proposed budget and dues for 2011-Approved

Kathy Baron and Patty Madigan gave Committee reports

- The Sharon Road West Project is still a work in progress. Cedars have been lost to Wisteria & Honeysuckle vines that can only be cleared in the winter time. Our landscaper has been painting Round-Up on unwanted vegetation. Hopeful to spread mulch in the future.
- The Entrance & Entrance Christmas Decorating Report was very positive. Compliments were received on how nice the entrance was decorated. Thanks to Dottie for doing such a wonderful job in keeping the front entrance looking wonderful. Also big thanks to Robin for the Christmas decorating for the entrance. Volunteers are needed for the future. Please contact [kathleenbaron@aol.com](mailto:kathleenbaron@aol.com) if interested.

Old Business:

- The Website is now being updated to keep homeowners informed of happenings in the area. More improvements to come. Rob Ferguson has agreed take over as webmaster and changing over to a new host and registering domain name.

New Business:

Open nominations for Board and Elections of officers as follows:

- President - Cindy Alvarez
- Vice-President - Kathy Baron
- Treasurer - Patty Madigan
- Secretary - Katie Ferguson was approved as the new secretary
- Webmaster – Rob Ferguson was approved as the new webmaster

Motion of election of officers-approved

Remodel of Quail Corners Shopping Center

- Crosland really wants a fast food restaurant. Perhaps a Chick Fil A or a Mc Donald's. Not so much interested in the gas station/convenience store. Changes have been made to the original plan and there are rumors about the future of Harris Teeter. We have been assured that Harris Teeter is not moving. More updates will be posted on our web site
- City Pet Ordinance: City of Charlotte has a strict leash law policy on all animals except cats amongst other ordinance regarding nuisance animals; keeping sanitary environments (cleaning up after your pet); confining female dogs in heat, and general safety of people with regards to animals. Violators will be investigated and may be fined
- Robin Hickman has started a Facebook page for Oberbeck Farm. Please join/like this group so you can keep up with the happenings of the neighborhood. Postings can be made on this page, however as a non-profit, we are not allowed to post advertisements of any kind.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm