

Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association  
Board Meeting  
Saturday, November 20, 2004

Board Members present: Elaine Boyle, Hoyte Decker, Andy Dorosky, Neil Frock, Greg Gause, Trixie Miller, Tim Spies, and Libby Stiff  
Board Members absent: Fritz Hessmer  
Guests: Sonie Decker and Marcia Maldeis

The meeting was called to order by President Stiff at 9:02AM.

**Minutes**---The minutes of the Board meeting of October 16, 2004, copies of which had been distributed prior to the meeting, were reviewed and approved. (attached)

**Treasurer's Report**---Presented by Mr. Decker, the report was reviewed and approved.(attached)

**Committee Reports**

**Communications**—Ms. Boyle stated that Mark Aguirre will publish the December Newsletter. The next meeting will be on Nov.29 at 1PM.

**Nominations and Elections**—Mr. Frock said he will have the date for the 2005 elections by the next meeting. Ms. Miller agreed to serve on the committee.

**Membership**—Mr. Dorosky will chair the committee and Ms. Decker and Ms. Maldeis will continue to serve on it. At Mr. Decker's suggestion, it was agreed to send out membership renewal notices, with the questionnaire printed on the reverse side, with the December Newsletter.

**Bylaws**—Mr. Frock asked the Board to review the Bylaws and make any recommended changes by the January meeting. Ms. Miller agreed on serve on the Committee.

**Ordinance**—Mr. Decker reviewed the report copies of which had been distributed prior to the meeting. In response to a question, he said the committee's comments were generally well received by the Board of Commissioners. It was agreed to include the suggested changes to the ordinances in the Newsletter and press release.

**Environment**—Mr. Gause discussed solutions to the disposal of leaves and branches, including the purchase of a parcel of land and the creation of a facility to process the debris. If the facility is large enough other communities could participate, he said.

**Events**—It was agreed to make an appeal in the December Newsletter for someone to chair the committee.

**DeIDOT**—Ms. Miller reported on the last meeting. She said that there was some back peddling on the issue of building an overpass because of the cost and because projections suggest that it will not move enough cars.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Newsletter**—Mr. Decker reported that he has asked Mark Aguirre to keep track of the time he spends formatting the Newsletter so that we may have an idea what it will cost the RBHA to pay someone. Mr. Decker suggested that the cost should not exceed \$75 per issue. In response to the suggestion that an editor is needed, Mr. Decker said he would contact John Roehmer and, if that fails, then an appeal for an editor should be placed in the Newsletter. It was agreed that the editor will review the Newsletter prior to sending it to the formatter and will review it prior to printing and mailing.

Ms. Maldeis agreed to continue to pick up the **mail** at the Post Office box and to notify the secretary of any correspondence not related to membership renewals, etc.

It was agreed that the RBHA continue to **meet at the Methodist Church** for the next year and donate \$250 to the church for the use of its rooms.

**Website**—Mr. Decker reported that he is having difficulty accessing the website because the website is no longer in the “published” status at the website’s host, Homestead. It was agreed to advertise in the Newsletter for a volunteer to continue to develop the website and to maintain it once it has been established.

**RBHA Award**—Mr. Spies reported that the Town and Cottage Awards (sponsored by Michael Carr) will continue as it is, a private organization. The members of the Board agreed with Mr. Spies’ suggestion that the RBHA Award not be based on aesthetic values (e.g. remodeling, rehabilitation), but rather on issues dealing with the preservation of the quality of life in the city. As an example he suggested Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dayton (93 Henlopen Avenue) who have put their double lot into a land trust so that it can never be partitioned. It was agreed that the award program be part of the Preservation Committee and that the committee will draft criteria for board approval. Mr. Decker asked to work on issues pertaining to the Award.

**Strategic Planning**—The Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on the same day as the next general membership meeting February 19. Ms. Stiff will set up at least two meetings with Andrea Andrus to discuss the program for the February 19 meeting.

**FOI Complaint by Stan Mills and Board Action**—There was a discussion about whether to include an article about the complaint in the December Newsletter. Based on Mr. Mills conversation with the Attorney General’s office vis-à-vis the filing of a complaint by an individual rather than by an organization, Mr. Spies suggested that it would be premature to discuss the complaint in the

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December Newsletter: once the AG has made a ruling on Mr. Mill's complaint, the RBHA can then take action on its own.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Volunteers for the Unity in the Community dinner were scheduled in hour shifts.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

It was agreed that the RBHA would be represented at the city's Commissioners' and committee meetings by the following board members acting as observers:

City Commssioners'—Hoyte Decker  
Planning Commission—Tim Spies  
Board of Adjustments—Libby Stiff

The questionnaire which is to be distributed with the December Newsletter was discussed and revised. (attached)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45AM

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Timothy C. Spies, Co-Secretary