

## **Minutes of the Village of Golf Manor Executive Committee**

### **Monday August 8, 2011 6:47 PM**

The Executive Committee of the Village of Golf Manor convened August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Chairperson Mrs. Donna Faulk opened the meeting with committee members Mrs. Elaine Moscovitz and Mr. Brian Doering present.

The meeting was called to order and committee member Brian Doering took the minutes.

Mrs. Faulk reported she had spoken with the Mayor and he agrees with the idea of assigning an intern to the website building process, the website needs more “pop” and needs to be modernized, it looks bland at this point.

Mr. Doering commented that right now it is a non-functioning site with few visitors and suggested a free site domain on a Google webpage. This would allow for updating and gives us full control.

Mrs. Faulk commented that she would like to sit down with Rich Brown (current web designer) and talk about updating and possibly pass this ability onto council. He is tough to get a hold of due to extensive traveling.

Mr. Doering mentioned his concerns over reaching Rich Brown and also mentioned that he did contact Cincinnati State but was told there would be no guarantees as to what the product would actually become.

Mrs. Faulk suggested that the current site be gone through page by page to see what needs to be done.

Mr. Doering said this has already been done several times over the past 18 months and whoever is saying this information has not been submitted is making inaccurate statements. Mrs. Moscovitz echoed this concern. Mr. Doering commented that the Mayor is lacking in his communications with everyone involved. Mr. Doering questioned why minutes, Mayor’s new email, etc. are being updated but all other updates are being ignored. Mr. Doering stated that he wants answers as to why this is happening.

Mrs. Faulk commented that businesses were also compiled. Mr. Doering commented that this was done in the past also and reminded the committee that he was reprimanded by the Mayor for visiting those businesses himself.

Mr. Doering commented that the website is becoming misleading and conveying false information to current and potential residents. This is unacceptable.

Mrs. Faulk said she is personally going to take this project on and see it is done correctly. She wants to also add contact information for council members.

Mr. Doering questioned why council members are asked to do things and then ignored when the completed projects are submitted. He sees this as massive duplication of effort and hiding the correct information.

The committee then discussed the business meeting to be held on August 19, 2011 at 0830, adding parks info to website, home-based businesses, biographies, history of departments, mission statements, job openings, etc.

Mr. Doering echoed and also said he is willing to work with people on this site but if there is no intention to make real progress then there is no need for the site.

Mrs. Faulk mentioned her churches website as an idea for how to update. Also mentioned tax forms are unreadable and need to be formatted better such as Word or PDF files. May be that the website needs to be restarted from the ground up at this point.

Members discussed how the Village is behind on modern technology and access. The minutes need to be published and submitted, the budgets put into a Word/PDF format. Mr. Doering suggested imposing a fee on making paper copies for those wanting them.

Mrs. Faulk mentioned also that Cincinnati Communications is looking into providing service to the village at a better rate than currently receiving. Mr. Doering questioned the internet access being able to access all websites. Is this needed?

Mr. Doering asked about cross-referencing CMHA, HUD, etc. properties with NIC data to see if this can be an easier tracking system for finding owners. After discussion it is mostly voucher programs. Mr. Doering mentioned that NIC is still not sending updates.

Committee discussed the need to start posting properties in violation and not tracking down owners. The Clerk-Treasurer echoed this. Cutting properties is becoming costly process with time and money invested in it, and then waiting past 6 months for Hamilton County to begin its investigating.

Mrs. Moscovitz mentioned City of Cincinnati's process and gave examples. The property is posted, owner notified, but it attacks the pocketbooks of the owners and this gets things done. The message will be sent if money is involved. Owners will fix problems if they know they will have to pay a fine.

Mrs. Moscovitz and Mr. Doering commented that tickets need to be issued when you are blatantly breaking the law. Citizens should not need to call about problem properties or trash violations. These are not borderline infractions but even trash violations sit for a week before being picked-up and no citations issued. The police department is patrolling 18 streets and sees these violations and must address them.

Mrs. Faulk commented she and Mrs. Moscovitz are going to work together with realtors and property owners on attracting potential buyers and compiling a brochure for realtors as well as post the brochure on the updated website.

Mrs. Faulk mentioned she is reconvening the Parks Commission (to meet 9/14)

Mrs. Moscovitz suggested gathering photos of other park oriented projects in other communities to give Golf Manor ideas and possible direction.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked Mrs. Faulk if there had been regulations released in reference to the Farmers Market. Mrs. Faulk responded she has not seen any but that this would be a question for Mr. Butler (Solicitor) at the regular council meeting.

Mrs. Faulk asked if there was any other business to be discussed or any further questions. Hearing no other business or questions the motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Moscovitz and seconded by Mr. Doering. Hearing no objections the Chair (Mrs. Faulk) adjourned the meeting.