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Calendar

- **Thursday, January 13**

Board Meeting,
7:30 PM
at the Saxtons'
2 S. 539 River Oaks
Dr.

New Subdivision Sign Proposal

:At the most recent Board of Directors meeting, the directors accepted a proposal for a new subdivision sign, with the proviso that homeowner comments be solicited before a definite decision is made. The proposal before the Board is for two brick signs, one on each side of the entryway, along lot lines in Lot 1 and Lot 66, as described below. We would like you to read the following information about the signs. If you have concerns or complaints about this proposal, please let a Board member know immediately. Please use the tear-off form provided at the end of this notice to note your concerns and return it to a Board member by Monday, December 20, 1999.

As you may have noticed, the current sign is split lengthwise and should be replaced. In addition, there have been a number of homeowner requests that a replacement sign be considered for aesthetic purposes. The Board has spoken with the City about replacing the sign. Because any sign in the entryway island blocks visibility, the City would prefer that the new signs be placed along the sides of the street.

The signs considered by the Board had to meet several criteria. First, it was hoped that they could be an improvement over the original wood sign in appearance. Second, any sign considered was to be as low a maintenance sign as possible. The consensus was to get bids on brick signs, with limestone inserts onto which "River Oaks" could be etched.

The proposal that the Board liked best was for two brick signs, both with limestone caps along the top surface running the length of each sign. The limestone cap

prevents brick and mortar damage from water infiltration, as well as giving the sign a finished appearance. Each sign would be 8 feet long, 3 feet high, and 16 inches deep. The words "River Oaks" would be sandblasted into a limestone piece inserted into the brick. This limestone insert will be 12 inches tall and 6 feet long, and the letters will be 8 inches tall.

The total cost for these signs, as proposed by Heinz Masonry, is \$6,870. An additional fee of approximately \$200 would be paid to the City for the necessary permit. The money for these signs is currently available in the River Oaks accounts and will not require an increase in dues. The bulk of the subdivision's bills are paid for the year. The accumulated balance left in the River Oaks checking account, and the budget surplus from this year, will cover this expense of these signs completely. This money does NOT involve the \$11,000 certificate of deposit that the association has in its reserved funds nor does it include the dues from the last quarter of this fiscal year. As you can see, the association is in sound financial health.

If you have concerns about this proposal, please write them on the attached tear-off sheet and return them to one of the Board Members. Or if you prefer, you may e-mail a Board member with your comments. Please send us your comments before December 31, 1999.

Sign Response

If you have any comments regarding the sign proposal described on the first page of this bulletin, please e-mail a director at their e-mail address listed below with your concerns, or write them on this tear-off and return them signed to a member of the Board of Directors, whose addresses are listed below. Please send us your comments before December 31, 1999.

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