

# INNIS ARDEN BULLETIN



INNIS ARDEN CLUB, INC. PO Box 77738 SEATTLE, WA 98177-0738 JULY, 2004

## Board Members

**President:**

Mike Jacobs

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Carol Solle

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Harley O'Neil

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R. L. Smith

**Activities:**

Shelley Watson

**Building & Remodels:**

Wendy Higgins

**Clubhouse:**

Al Wagar

**Grounds:**

Ewa Sledziewski

**Reserves:**

Maggie Taber

Next Board Meeting  
August 10, 2004

## INNIS ARDEN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 13, 2004

Board Members Present: Michael Jacobs, Carol Solle, R.L. Smith, Harley O'Neil, Al Wagar, Maggie Taber, and Shelley Watson, and Eva Sledziewski. Wendy Higgins was out of town and excused. About 40 Shareholders attended.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Jacobs, President at 7:05 p.m. The Board members were asked if they had reviewed the June 8, 2004 meeting minutes. Maggie Taber asked that the minutes reflect the Maple and Alder tree were removed from Running Water Reserve.

Action Taken: Harley O'Neil moved and Shelley Watson seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

### **Report on the Vegetation Management Plan for Heron Reserve by Jim Staley and Scott Baker**

Michael Jacobs introduced Jim Staley who in turn introduced Scott Baker who reported that he had been hired by a number of Innis Arden shareholders to come up with some solutions to specific problems in Blue Heron reserve. He went on to say that he is trying to identify trees that are view blocking and come up with some solutions that he will recommend to those who hired him and then the report would be made to the Board. June Howard commented that she was

pleased that the community is trying to restore views to residents in the area. Harley O'Neil stated that he was trying to create a test site behind 1521 N.W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street to show what the Reserves could look like with proper management. Stacey Pedersen commented that she would like to see the Reserves trails taken care of by Reserves committee. Michael Jacobs thanked Jim and Scott for their report.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

R.L. Smith reported that there is \$132,107.10 in the WA MU and Wells Fargo checking/savings accounts. Of that amount \$63,569.13 is in the Reserve account for the future use for the repairs of the club house roof and the retaining wall. Dave Fosmire has been added to the list of signatories to the WA MU checking account. The past president has been removed from all Innis Arden Club accounts. Carol Solle has been added to the list of signatories to the Wa Mu savings account. The Innis Arden Club business license for 2004 is located in the club house kitchen taped to the refrigerator. The Innis Arden Club has been reimbursed \$3,400 by the Activities Committee for payment for the tennis pro. The club pays the pro and the Activities Committee reimburses the club. There is still \$9,614 outstanding for club dues for the year 2004. The legal expenses continue to grow - \$8,903 for the month of June. There is \$9,135 in the Innis Arden accounts for expenses per month for

the rest of 2004.

#### **President's Report:**

Michael Jacobs reported that Gene Maddox has filed a claim against the club. He also reported that John Hollinrake has withdrawn his lawsuit. We still have a lawsuit with the City of Shoreline and an appeal has been filed. Mike went on to say that some Innis Arden residents have contacted the city staff and asked for punitive damages. He said that one resident had asked that this complaint should be handled as a criminal matter. These negative comments are not helping the Innis Arden Board reach a solution to the complaint. Fran Lilliness commented that she knew a friend had been turned in by an anonymous caller because she was trimming her trees. Fran said that she thinks this type of behavior causes some of the problems in the community. Elaine Phelps asked if the legal fees outweighed the cost of paying part of the fine. Dan Lyons asked, "Why didn't the attorney respond when asked to?" Mike responded that Peter Eglick wrote back to the city attorney and asked if he could have more time to respond. The City did not answer that request and instead filed the Notice and Order. Bob Phelps said that the Board should not concern itself with who is sending in anonymous complaints. Bob went on to say that he has worked on some committees of the City of Shoreline and he does not think the City takes all calls seriously.

## **Vice-President's Report**

Carol Solle announced that Josh West had given notice, for personal reasons, that he could no longer be editor of the Bulletin. Dave Fosmire agreed to act as editor for the coming month and Al Wagar agreed to take the following month. Wayne Cottingham suggested that we ask some students in the Shorewood Journalism class to help out.

## **Building and Remodels:**

There were no building and remodels projects to consider.

## **Activities Committee Report:**

Shelley Watson reported that the Activities Committee will meet 11:00 a.m. on August 3, 2004 in the club house. There was no July meeting. The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Salmon Barbecue is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2004. Co-chairs are Shelley Watson and June Howard. Volunteers are needed for food prep in the kitchen and clean up. Students volunteers could earn community service hours. Please contact either Shelley or June. October 1, is Men's Poker Night Out. Roger Lowell reported that Mike Joy, Dallas, and Mark Rosenshein have offered to help out.

Octoberfest and a Halloween Party for children are being planned. Please contact Pam Smit or Shelley Watson if you would like to help out. The Rummage Sale is our money-making event which funds the other parties and projects for the community. In the past the Activities Club has paid for the tables and chairs, the playground equipment, and the painting the club house. There are

notebooks to aid in the planning and crews of volunteers. Please consider helping with one of these events and make a positive difference in the community. Contact either Shelley or Pam. They would appreciate any help provided.

## **Grounds Committee Report:**

Ewa Sledziewski reported that the roots of the Poplar trees located at the west side of the club house property contributed to the recently experienced sewage back-up problem. It cost \$1,300 to clear the sewer line. Bob Crozier, an Emergency Response Team member for the City of Shoreline, did not know if the Poplar Trees were part of the right-of-way or on Innis Arden Club property. Ewa reported that a number of Innis Arden residents spent the previous Saturday cleaning up the planting areas in front of the Club House. John Hollinrake, Dave Fosmire, Roger Lowell, Shelley Watson, and Maggie Taber did a great job.

Thanks were extended to Marc Weinberg for keeping the costs of lawn maintenance down. It was reported that a large dead bush in front of the Innis Arden entrance on 8<sup>th</sup> N.W. needed to be removed.

Michael Rasch expressed concern about the railroad ties on the west side of the Innis Arden Club property. He said the railroad ties making up the stairway were a danger to the community. Michael Jacobs asked that something be done about it immediately. Tom Averill volunteered to purchase railroad ties for \$10.00 each if someone would tell him how many and what lengths.

### **Club House Report:**

Al Wagar reported that Clubhouse rentals are up with \$1,250 in rental fees paid in June (nearly double that of May) and with Clubhouse scheduled for nearly every weekend this summer. We have cleared janitorial supplies from front room near coat racks so it can now serve as an office. Ted Mager, Innis Arden resident and licensed electrician, was introduced and asked to report on some of the electrical problems he had observed in the club house. Ted gave a summary of what he found wrong with some wiring and lighting issues. He volunteered to correct the problems if the club would pay for the materials. Michael Jacobs thanked him for his generous offer and asked that he compile a list of materials he would need.

### **Reserves Committee Report:**

Maggie Taber reported that Trail work is needed, hoping for Eagle Scout help. She has received one tentative candidate, but needs more. Possible projects: Top of Grouse Reserve – improve entrance and drainage. Top of Running Water Reserve – have city permission to use part of the city right-of-way to create better trail entrance. Blue Heron bridge access off of 17<sup>th</sup> from the south needs improvement, also the drainage for the existing stairs on the north side of the bridge.

Work parties: need to schedule dates, aiming for weekends in September.  
BoeingReserve Keys: There have been

inquiries regarding the old keys. They should work. If anyone has problems, please contact Maggie Taber. Old keys can be exchanged for free. There is a \$10.00 fee for replacement keys. There is a water run-off problem at the top of Grouse Reserve that is a result of re-directing water by the City of Shoreline. Marc Weinberg said that he had observed Burlington Northern Security officers checking access to Richmond Beach across the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks.

### **Board Agenda:**

#### **Presentation of Proposed Process for handling Complaints Regarding the Loss of Sound and Mountain Views in Innis Arden.**

Stacey Pedersen and June Howard made a presentation of the Proposed Covenant Compliance Process that had been developed over the previous eight weeks by a committee composed of Innis Arden residents concerned about restoring views and at the same time creating a process that would encourage neighbors to work with each other in a respectful way. Mark Smith provided an illustration showing how the process worked from one step to the next. Many questions were asked of Stacey and June and a motion to approve the Procedure as drafted was made by Harley O’Neil and seconded by Al Wagar. Several of the Board members expressed concern that they had not had enough time to study the procedure fully and also thought that the community should have the opportunity to

study it as well. A vote of the Board was called and the result was four Ayes, and four no votes. The motion failed for lack of a majority of the Board in favor. It was decided that the Procedure would be mailed out to the residents of the community and that input would be requested. A Board meeting would be called on August 10, 2004 to once again consider whether or not this Procedure should be approved.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Harley O'Neil, Secretary

**Agenda for August 10, 2004  
Board Meeting 7:00 PM  
At the Clubhouse**

Approve July Minutes

Community Comments

Board Agenda:

Committee Reports

Building and remodels:

Lewis 1445 NW 186<sup>th</sup> Additions to front and rear of existing house

Saleska/Chou 18252 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Convert existing carport to garage

Helland 17714 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Deck

Lilleness 17730 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Patio

Discussion and vote on new Covenant  
Compliance procedure

## Activities

Garden Club We plan to visit the medicinal garden at Bastyr in August. Please contact Shelley Watson @542-4369 for date and time.

## **LOOKING FOR CHAIRPERSONS ANOTHER MONTH GOES BY AND WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR CHAIRPERSONS...**

(Without Chairpersons, we cannot offer events! Ask a neighbor to co-chair an event with you or we can help find a co-chair)

The Activities Committee is looking for volunteers to chair two of our traditional events: the **HOLIDAY PARTY** and the **RUMMAGE SALE**. The **HOLIDAY PARTY** is scheduled for December 5th (Sunday) and the **RUMMAGE SALE** is approximately the first week in March (2005). No action is needed on these events until the fall. The Activities Committee has notebooks for each event providing valuable information of how past events were accomplished. If you would like to chair one of these events or possibly co-chair, please call Pam Smit (533-0240). The AC will be glad to support the new chair's efforts!

The next Activities Committee meeting will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. We will be discussing plans for the annual Salmon BBQ which will be on Sept. 19 Please call Pam Smit if you would like to attend the meeting.

## **MEN'S NIGHT OUT BEING PLANNED!**

Ok, the ladies had their night out (which was grrreat), now it is the men's turn. Roger Lowell has Mike Joy and Mark Rosenshein to co-chair. It will be a night of poker and beer on Oct 1. Please call Roger if you are interested in helping the men have their night out. (This will be an easy event to help with and a fun one for the guys!)

### **Blockwatch Reminder**

Please report criminal activity to police at 911 (emergency) or 296-3311 (non-emergency) as well as to your Blockwatch captain:

Innis Arden I:

Cindy Rasch (542-1230)

Innis Arden II:

Shelley Watson (542-4369)

Innis Arden III:

Judy Allen (542-3219)

**Do you have a new neighbor?** Please contact the Hospitality Comm. to welcome them to the neighborhood. Kathleen Malarky 546-2341

### **Welcome to Innis Arden**

Frederick and Louise Dierks  
17707 17th Avenue N

Dave and Marianne Stephens  
17777 15th Avenue NW

Brian and Anrea Dodd  
18219 13th Avenue NW

Jake and Nancy Hahnty  
18284 Springdale Ct.

Ray Porter and Bonnie Bergum  
1226 NW 175th St.

John Hushagen and Janette Schurman  
18032 17th Avenue NW

Jack Dooley  
1456 NW 185th St.

Cynthia Brenner and Adam Kerner  
16720 15th Avenue NW

Randall Gould and Sarah Hathaway  
18615 17th Avenue NW

Darryl and Shari Lewis  
1445 NW 186th

Carol Mae Sandgren  
18344 Ridgefield Rd.

Shannon Grady and Troy Martsoff  
1133 NW Richmond Beach Rd.

Damon Helland  
17714 17th Avenue NW

Robert and Jean Harrison  
17071 10th Avenue NW

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

Dear Innis Arden Residents:

The City of Shoreline is attempting to impose unlawful and unwarranted monetary fines and penalties upon the Club on the basis that the Club wrongfully removed hazardous trees in Eagle, Blue Heron, and Running Water Reserves. These trees were removed only after a certified arborist recommended that they be removed or snagged and only after the Club notified the City by providing ISA reports on each tree. The Club lawfully complied with the Shoreline Municipal Code, Section 20.50.310 A. 1. which provides that any tree which is an immediate threat to health, safety, welfare, and property may be removed without first obtaining a permit. These trees were clearly such a threat. On April 20th of this year, for example, a Maple tree near Bear Reserve in the City right-of-way snapped at 3:30 P.M. and downed a high voltage power line. This failed tree endangered children walking home from Sunset Elementary. Many of you may remember the 13 year-old Bothell boy, Brian Pounder, who was killed last December by a snagged tree on which he was playing which toppled and crushed him. The City does not want to follow its laws. (An internal e-mail written by the City Attorney indicates a desire to close the SMC 20.50.310 "loophole") The City is trying to interfere with the Club's duty to manage Reserve Tracts for the benefit of our community. Further, the City's code enforcement personnel entered our Reserves without the Club's knowledge or consent on April 13th to conduct an illegal, warrantless search. We need to protect our freedoms including our

right against unreasonable governmental intrusion into our affairs and our 4th Amendment Constitutional right against illegal search. An 18th Century English author wrote that "although the wind may blow through the front door of a poor man's rickety cottage, the King and his men dare not cross his threshold". Defending the Club against the City's Notice and Order will be costly, but it is important that we stand up for our rights. I am requesting that Innis Arden shareholders voluntarily contribute to a Legal Defense Fund to minimize the drain on the Club's resources. I will personally be contributing \$1000. Please contribute. By doing so, you will be ensuring that the City's wrongful actions will be unsuccessful. Please feel free to call me with any questions at 206 547 1105 (daytime).

Thank you.

Michael L. Jacobs

Please make the check out to Innis Arden Club, Inc and send it to ATTN: Legal Fund, P.O. Box 77738, Seattle WA 98177-0738

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### **INNIS ARDEN BULLETIN BOARD**

Spanish Tutoring: Need to improve your Spanish conversation, grammar, or writing over the summer and beyond? Please contact Siri Hulbert at 522-3299.

### **HOME EXCHANGE WANTED**

We are an Innis Arden couple wishing to do a home exchange for 2-3 weeks in June '05. We would prefer London, England, Sydney, Australia or Auckland, New Zealand, contact Allan/Gail Schwarz, phone/fax 206-546-3887, e-mail [ag.gemini@comcast.net](mailto:ag.gemini@comcast.net).

### **Remodels**

If you're planning on any alterations, fencing, additions, etc to your home in Innis Arden please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to assist you and get you headed in the right direction. You may think that what you are planning wouldn't require board approval but to insure that it won't just give me a call and inquire. As I always say, "there is good news and there is bad news, there are covenants" and we all need to stay within those perimeters. There's a procedural packet available upon request. If you need one just call. I even deliver!

Your humble Building/Remodel Chair:  
Wendy Higgins (542-5544)