

# **RUSTLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 31<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

Members Present: Bill Walker, President; Michael Bigelow, Vice President; Randy Wood; Bill Slining; Doyle Owens  
Also Present: Rod Tull, Treasurer; Richard Pope, Secretary; Bill and Betty Fisher; Jennifer Owens

Meeting called to order by President, Bill Walker at 10:01 AM.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved by Board.

Old business: Discussed the good response for the Fourth of July celebration. Discussion of winterizing the Cabana. Check drainage around area to prepare for winter. Checking on construction trailer parked at the cabana.

New Business: Proposal for expansion of fire station at the Rustlewood Station. To be discussed at the next commissioner's meeting. Discussed having a work party to help in beautifying the Station. Hood Canal Communications is bringing up cable to Rustlewood. PUD will be doing new work later in our development and Hood Canal will piggy-back with them.

Chair, Bill Walker turned meeting over to Vice Chair.

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Vice Chair, Michael Begelow

Issue regarding view regarding trees on the Seimer property.

Bill Walker: Made a report as to the restriction of view because of the growth of trees on the Seimer property. Included is a letter from Dave Doring and explanation of what it means when a tree becomes a view issue from Mr. Whitehouse, association attorney. Walker talked about history of tree issues with past letters regarding such issue.

Hunter Seimer: Had some visual aids pertaining to the view issue. He asked if any other owners have been fined for being out of compliance. Showed pictures of other trees in Rustlewood that are out of compliance then showing pictures of his home that has a more open view than others. They felt they were being singled out. A member of the board stated that this issue is between neighbors and is not an issue unless there is complaint. Seimer finished his presentation stating again that they were singled out by the Chairman in collusion with the board and that this issue was resolved by the board by a ruling in 2005.

Pictures were presented showing the view as it was in 2001. After discussion with the board, Vice Chair asked Seimer what they would expect from the board and his first request was to excuse the proposed fine. It was noted that no fine has been assessed. Seimer explained that they have been good neighbors and have done much more than most in keeping their view appropriate to being a friendly neighbor. Seimers have proposed that they trim the one tree in question to thin it out but keep the other trees in place.

Bigelow asked Walker if this proposal was acceptable. Walker asked to have a tree person come in and do a review of what can be done to protect all interests. Whether to do this proposal is to be talked about by the Seimers and then brought back to the board at a later meeting.

Adjourned at 10:56 AM