

The following is the text of the report submitted by Bob Grossman as part of the January 20, 2008 YHOA general meeting covering YHOA activities for 2007.

President's Report

First I want to thank those who provided such wonderful support during the year. First and foremost is the Landscape Committee. Cynthia Bryant, MaryAnn Dallas, Sharon Arbona and Jim Douglas worked especially hard on the new landscaping from the Red, White and Blue flowers in the summer to the major re-landscaping that has just been completed. Bill Bryant wins a prize for the most physical labor with his help in the removal of the old plants in the island.

Also we had great support from Liz Hedgepeth for the very successful picnic, the Hummel's for the Luminaries, Ken Lewis and Jerry Hedgepeth for the flags, and of course the elected officers; Jim Douglas, Liz Hedgepeth and Richard DuChateau on the Board of Directors and to the members of the Architectural Control Committee. To each I give my personal thanks and those of the membership.

I have asked the city to conduct a lighting survey of the sub-division. When it is completed it will be presented to the membership prior to any further action.

With the efforts of Richard DuChateau the web site is again active. We are required to inform the members of all meeting of the Board of Directors. This will be done on the web site. Any member desiring to be personally informed may request notification in writing to the Secretary. The web site also contains copies of all of the significant documents of the corporation to include the Article of Incorporation, by laws, Declaration of Restrictions, annual budget, minutes of association meetings etc. It can contain a roster of the members and I would like a show of hands as to whether a roster without telephone numbers should be included. This is essentially the same list as in the property ownership pages of the City of Williamsburg web pages.

The web site is www.yorkshirehomeowners.org It is active now. We of course are open to any suggestions as to what else would be desirable for the site.

We are attempting to make the corporation more business like. In the past we have missed some important deadlines and so have developed a calendar for the directors to follow to preclude such failures in the future. This includes the filing of the income taxes, reports to the corporation commission and real estate board and review of the books and contracts the association is committed to.

Now I would like to address the items that were new to your proxy statement this year. We have recommended that the Board of Directors be increased from 4 to 5. One member would be a non-officer director. We are hoping that this will bring more of the members into the operation of the corporation.

Secondly we are strongly recommending that the Declaration of Restrictions be amended. The current Restrictions allow only one type of expenditure by the Board. This, first, is in disagreement with the Articles of Incorporation. The Restrictions do not even mention allowing expenditures for the operation of the association. They also do not allow for expenditures for the annual picnic nor for the maintenance of the public area owned by Walsingham along Yorkshire Drive. Failure of this amendment to pass will preclude expenditures for these two important items. You will note that any expenditure will have to be approved in the annual budget.

Lastly we are recommending a change to the penalty for late payment of assessments. The current assessment is basically unworkable and a non-deterrent. We ask for your support for both of these amendments.