

Meridian HOA Board Presidents Report

Dear Meridian Home Owners & Dear Friends,

I am standing here today as the outgoing President of the Meridian HOA Board. It is indeed a great privilege for me to stand here and represent the 390 homes that we call our community. Our community has come a long way from the 33 homes that I saw when my wife and I moved in here to what it is now. I am really glad and joyous to call this my home community over any other place.

The 2010-2011 Board was a group of 5 people, Aby Mathew the President, Barbara Jamison the Vice President, Saul Freedenberg the Committee Liaison, Niranjan Gadekar the Treasurer and last but not the least Rahul Puttagunta the Secretary. I have had the privilege to know all these individuals in the last one year, some of them I have got to know more than others. I know I can say honestly that the Board has been trying to do the best for the community to the best of our knowledge and the best of our abilities. We have had numerous disagreements between each other about a lot of things but in the end I personally believe we have to move on and work towards making this community a more cohesive community of friends and neighbors, rather than a community of homes.

The Meridian HOA Board has committees under the Meridian HOA Board to do the tasks that the Board cannot single handedly achieve. These committees are the back bone of the Board and the community. Some of the committees are: 01) The Architecture committee. 02) The Social committee. 03) The Crime Watch committee. 04) The Communications committee

Each of these committees was an integral part of the community through 2010-2011 for the Meridian HOA Board.

The Architecture committee was dissolved to make the functioning of ACC approvals more in line with the demands of the Board and the direction that the Board seemed right for the community. I would personally like to thank all the ACC members who served the community in 2010-2011, especially Mr. Joseph Cole who was the key person behind the ACC functioning for over 3 years. After the ACC committee was dissolved the Board constituted a 3 member ACC panel on the Board consisting of Mr. Niranjan Gadekar, Ms. Barbara Jamison and myself, Mr. Aby Mathew. Mr. Aby Mathew would be reviewing and approving the ACC submissions only if one of the other two members could not undertake the task for any reason at any given time.

The Social committee was the most active of the committees and I would like to thank 2 individuals for their outstanding work in the committee, Ms. Erynn Keenen and Mrs. Cathy Murray for the arduous task they undertook this year. I would especially like to thank Mrs. And Mr. Joe Murray for their willingness and kindness in opening up their home for the Fall Fright Fest or the Halloween party which was a resounding success by all means.

The Board appointed a new chairman for the crime watch committee because the previous crime watch chairperson, Ms. Barbara Jamison was elected to serve on the Meridian HOA Board. The Board unanimously appointed Mr. Shrihari Sathaye as the new Chairman of the crime watch committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Barbara Jamison for a great job in running crime watch during the year 2009-2010 and I would especially like to thank Mr. Shrihari Sathaye for an extremely diligent job that he has been doing with the Crime Watch committee.

The communications committee is a single person committee and the person behind it is Ms. Erynn Keenen. As always she has done a great job for the community and we are always indebted for her valuable service of keeping us all informed. Thank you Ms. Erynn.

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This Board went about making the rules that would help future Board's function the Board meetings without much of a hitch. I would like to thanks Ms. Barbara Jamison for her effort in drafting the rules of order for Board meetings. This document would help future boards run the Board meetings more smoothly and effectively.

The Board also formulated the rules of conduct for ACC committee members. These rules are a valuable tool for future Board's to monitor the functioning of the ACC committee without allegations of misconduct and discrimination on the merit of the submission.

The Board also made rules for solar screens this year since we had numerous submissions for solar screens this year and we were on unchartered territory here because the Board did not have a solar shades policy in place to follow up with.

The previous Board of 2009-2010 had approved a Strategic Reserve Study for Meridian. The Strategic Reserve Study is a study done by an independent organization to see how well we are placed with regards to the wear and tear of our community and how our financial reserves match up to the industry standards of a community of our size and age. It also looks into how well our community would fare under circumstances that affect us in the near future. While they pointed out some very minor repairs, we passed the Reserve Study with flying colors.

The Board has also drafted a new advertising policy for the community whereby local businesses can advertise on our website and newsletter for a small fee. This is something that would give some extra money for other activities in the community.

The Board also approved and passed a change of our landscape vendors for a substantial savings for our community. The final savings on this item, if I am not mistaken was over \$11,000.00 and I would only ask on behalf of the Board that the new Board would utilize this money towards community enhancement projects like crime watch programs. I would also like to thank Manders Landscape on behalf of the board, for a good job they have done for our community for the past 5 years.

The Board kept getting updates on the Lewisville City Park that is scheduled to come up behind our community near the Lewisville City Water tanks. We will be getting an update from Mr. Saul Freedenberg on this shortly. I would like to thank Mr. Saul Freedenberg for every effort he took about this issue.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every home owner in Meridian for their effort in making this one of the greatest experiences for any Home Owner in North Dallas. May we grow with the right direction and the right leadership. Thank you, Ms. Barbara Jamison, Mr. Saul Freedenberg, Mr. Rahul Puttagunta and Mr. Niranjn Gadekar. Each of you guys are invaluable for the service, time and effort you guys have put on the Meridian HOA Board and Meridian HOA for the years 2010-2011.