Minutes **GHI Board of Directors** February 8, 2007

Agans, Alpers (7:39 p.m.), Hudson, Lauber, Lewis, McFadden, Moore, Morse Present:

Absent: Ready

Others in Attendance:

Gretchen Overdurff, General Manager Marat Moore, Audit Committee

Stephen Ruckman, Director of Finance Genevieve Courbois, Recording Secretary

Eldon Ralph, Director of Physical Plant Services Joan Krob, Director of Member Services

Brenda Lewis, Director of Human Resources

Tom Sporney, Staff Engineer

Dianne Wilkerson, Audit Committee Chair

Beverly Dziduch Robin Everly Vicki van Duyl

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. At the request of Director Agans, which was seconded by Director Moore, President Lewis added Green Ribbon Task Force as Item 6e.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS REVISED.

Seconded: Lauber Carried 7-0 Moved: Moore

2. Visitors and Members

There were no visitors or members who wished to address the Board at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2007 AS REVISED.

Moved: Moore Seconded: Lauber Carried 6-0-1 abstention

As there was no need for an Executive Session, President Lewis said that the Executive Session minutes could be approved in open session provided there were no changes.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF **JANUARY 11, 2007.**

Moved: Moore Seconded: McFadden Carried 6-0-1 abstention

4. Approval of Membership Applications

MOTION: THAT THE FOLLOWING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE COOPERATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP AFFORDED THEM AT THE TIME OF SETTLEMENT:

- LEVI N. HILLING AND PATRICIA A. HILLING
- CAROLYN E. LEAMOND
- JAMEY BARROWS AND JUSTIN P. BARROWS
- JANET R. MEETRE
- JEANINE V. SIMPSON

Moved: Lauber Seconded: Agans Carried 7-0

5. <u>Committee Reports</u>

Barbara Havekost was not present to provide the Marketing Committee report. Director Hudson said that the Yard Line Committee is not yet ready to make a report.

6a. Proposed Shadowbox Fence, 65J Ridge Road

On 19Dec06, Ms. Vicki van Duyl submitted a permit request to install a fence around her gardenside yard and a portion of the end yard, to terminate at the existing shed. The member prefers a shadowbox style fence in keeping with several other nearby fences. Staff has informed the member that this style does not comply with GHI rules for openness. The A&E Committee considered this request and recommended 4-0-0 that the proposed fence be allowed.

MOTION: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES ALLOW INSTALLATION OF THE PROPOSED SHADOWBOX FENCE AT THE GARDENSIDE/END YARDS AT 65J RIDGE.

Moved: Morse Seconded: Lauber Carried 7-0

6b. <u>Unpermitted Plastic Lattice Privacy Screen, 55F Ridge Road</u>

As the member was not present, President Lewis said that the Board would not proceed on this item. She requested that this item be put on the next meeting's agenda to give the member another chance to attend and speak to the issue.

6c. <u>Sale of 3-K Eastway</u> - (Marketing Committee Report)

Director Lauber gave a summary of the Marketing Committee's report on the status of 3-K Eastway. She said that members of the Marketing Committee met with President Lewis and resale inspector Roger Bonifacio to assess the condition of the unit. She reported that the committee was

dissatisified with the condition of the kitchen, and presented four options on how the Board could proceed. Board members commented that the kitchen's condition may be deterring buyers, that most prospective buyers today want homes in move-in condition, and a kitchen renovation could make the unit more marketable. Director Alpers inquired about the bulk head doors and foggy windows. Director of Physical Services Ralph said that window repair is a negotiation between the buyer and seller.

<u>MOTION:</u> THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPTS OPTION 4 AS OUTLINED IN THE MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 3-K EASTWAY.

Moved: Moore Seconded: Morse Carried 7-0

Director McFadden suggested that perhaps the foggy panes could be addressed as part of option 4 depending on available funds.

6d. Loan Payoff, 43F Ridge Road

President Lewis said that this item was discussed and approved in executive session January 25, 2007.

MOTION: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZES THE MANAGER TO SUBMIT PAYMENT IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,726.05 TO PAY OFF THE OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE ON 43 F RIDGE ROAD. GHI WILL BE REIMBURSED FROM NET SALE PROCEEDS.

Moved: Alpers Seconded: Moore Carried 7-0

6e. Green Ribbon Task Force (GRTF)

Director Agans reported that four working groups were created at the recent GRTF meeting. On behalf of the communications working group, she said that GRTF would like to have its own website and on-line discussion group, and would be willing to maintain them, but is unaware about precedence. Staff Engineer Sporney said that in theory it would be possible for GRTF to have its own page on the GHI website which could be maintained by GRTF but he would have to make some inquiries. Director Morse thought that this discussion might be premature as the communications working group has not formally met. He suggested that this group should perhaps provide informed comments after it meets. Director Agans also inquired about who the outreach working group would be representing when meeting with stakeholders. President Lewis responded GHI and GRTF. Director McFadden felt that recognizing GRTF as part of GHI would be good publicity. Staff liaison Ralph said that the recent GRTF meeting was well-organized and a lot was accomplished. He said GRTF intends to create a plan which can be used by GHI.

7. Items of Information

No discussion.

8. President

President Lewis reported that the new member's social was very good and some new members have considerable interest in joining committees. She commended the Marketing Committee members for their work in organizing these socials.

She said that committee member packets will be distributed at February committee meetings. Former committee members will receive an acknowledgement for their past service, said Lewis. She announced that a volunteer's recognition event will be held on February 25 from 3 – 5 pm during which the volunteer of the year and the committee person of the year will be recognized.

9. Board Members

Director Alpers announced an Investment Committee Meeting on February 15 at 6 p.m. which will be followed by a Finance Committee meeting at 7 p.m. Director Agans thanked GHI for new mugs. Director McFadden said that she met with the Animal Companion Committee and is looking forward to being on the Sustainable Design Committee.

Audit Committee member Moore said that the Green Ribbon Task Force meets the first Tuesday of every month.

10. Manager

General Manager thanked everyone for their work during her absence. She also clarified, in conjunction with Director of Physical Services Ralph, that improvements to 3-K Eastway would be bid out and a contractor would do the work, rather than GHI. She said that if the work can be done for under \$7,500, selection of a contractor will not be brought before the Board. Director McFadden encouraged that Energy Star appliances be installed. In response to a question from Director Morse, Ralph clarified that when GHI bids out a contact, it provides specifications in advance to all interested contractors.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

Moved: Moore Seconded: Lauber Carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dorothy Lauber Secretary