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Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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The WALL CONTROVERSY

At the HOA meeting on July 20, 2016, President of the MUD Anne Headley, presented a poster board representation of design features that would be included in the wall to be built around Normandy Forest. What was notable was the finish no longer matched our entrance monuments and bore no similarity to the Town Hall described wall. The reaction by the Board and residents was far from positive. A very flustered Headley told residents they were “ungrateful” and to come to the MUD meeting if they wanted to express themselves and inquire about the project further.

On July 26, 2016, the MUD held their meeting. Three HOA directors and approx 15 residents were in attendance to express their concerns and get answers about the redesign of the wall. Residents were given 3 minutes to speak.

Headley, the district engineer and the private designer responsible for the redesign sat and listened, but gave no response to any of the questions asked.

When the agenda item regarding the wall came up for discussion none of the residents were allowed to speak or ask questions. MUD Director Doll asked many of the questions that residents had asked earlier of Headley and designer

Michael Muir. They gave the same answer, “that hasn’t been decided

yet”. The engineer reported that he and Muir were still working on ways to reduce costs, but gave no details about the budget objectives or cost estimates.

Doll asked Headley to step down as chairman and asked if he could replace her on the committee. Doll stated that it was unusual for the President of the Board to also be chairman of a committee. It was the function of the President to act as mediator of different views, not be both the advocate and judge. The Board has limited committees to two members only, because state law requires that three directors meeting requires the expense of posting the meeting with the county clerk, and waiting three days before a meeting could be held. Doll also asked to set up a sub-committee of two MUD directors, two HOA directors, and two or three residents to make recommendations that reflected taxpayer opinions to the full MUD Board. He said that this project represents 30 years of tax liability and means so much to the neighborhood and to each homeowner that it was fundamentally wrong to change the design and not ask for their input.

In all openness, because of other obligations, I did not attend the whole meeting. There were two other HOA directors and numerous residents that took notes at the meeting. Before writing this article

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I checked details and deleted those that did not agree with others notes. Further more, to some it may look like I am only reporting what Rich Doll (my husband) said. This is not true. What I am reporting is that he was the ONLY person to speak about the issues when no one else could.

The clear consensus was that residents were stonewalled at this meeting. Headley deliberately structured the meeting so no answers would be given and even walked back what she said at the HOA meeting. No one understands how a design that has been put together for seven months, has no details to report, no budget, or cost estimates and is a secret to the residents who are paying for it.

I asked Anne Headley if she wanted to write an article for the newsletter at the HOA meeting, on July 20th, regarding the wall. As of this deadline, I have not received an article from her.

Next HOA meeting September 20th at 7:00 PM. Next MUD meeting September 27th 4:30 PM.



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Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

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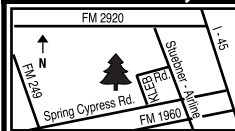
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