

February 16, 2018

Dear Judy,

At Tuesday's meeting, a letter was discussed by the Board regarding a member whose property looks like a wrecking yard for old cars. The member has been accumulating cars on his property over the past few years that makes it an eyesore of the neighborhood.

I commend your defense of the forceful letter plus the extra time you spent conferring with the attorney on the letter.

As I understand the argument, the Board has decided to send the letter with a strict proposal of legal action if nothing is done to alleviate the eyesore. However, a Board member decided that he may not want to be on the Board if the Board took this action. After a discussion between Board members, regrettably, the Board seemed to back down from sending this forceful letter in order to pacify the dissenting Board member.

The member who was protesting the letter said he had no desire to be on the Board in the first place and he didn't want to be a part of the Board if they are planning to enforce the covenants of our association. He also said that it was not the Board's purpose to enforce the covenants. He is also a close friend and co-worker with the member that was supposed to get the letter.

I was appalled to hear this statement from a Board member and point to the rules in our Declaration of Restrictions UNITS 4-10:

9. No trade or offensive activity of any kind shall be carried on upon any lot, nor shall anything be done on any lot, which shall constitute an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. (pg 3)

ALSO

18. It shall be the responsibility of owners of lots, vacant or otherwise, to keep said lots, and all easement areas encompassed within the exterior boundaries of said lots, clear of trash, rubbish, or noxious materials. (pg 4)

I find this appalling and a dereliction of the Board members' duties since they are elected among other reasons to enforce the covenants.

Do new Board members even read the bylaws and covenants that they are to uphold??

Did the Board member let his friendship/co-worker relationship get in the way of enforcement of the covenants?

Why did the other members back down after not objecting to this letter after a review by all Board members.

This lack of follow through is one of the reasons some of the properties in our neighborhood look like a junk yard/trailer trash. Before the Board jumps into restructuring the covenants, please show the members that the Board can take on, in a timely manner, the obligation of enforcing the rules that are already in place.

It is the Board's responsibility to enforce the covenants to protect our property values.

I would like to see this letter, with legal action included, sent to the errant member.

Sincerely,

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