

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Don and Brenda Graffis requested a special board meeting to express their concerns regarding their paint color choices for their home.

Meeting began at 6 pm and Bev Richards opened the meeting with a legal statement which specifically stated that this meeting was not a hearing. The Graffis's responded by stating they had been requesting this meeting for over a year.

Don stated that they simply forgot to submit an architectural review request form. When confronted by the management company, they submitted a form. They felt they were in compliance with the colors they had chosen; however, the Architectural Review Committee denied their colors, stating simply, that they needed to choose a lighter trim color.

The Graffis's sent a letter to the ARC in October and never received a response. Camille Accountius responded with a suggested response, but due to lack of communication/follow through, it was apparently never sent to the Graffis's.

Camille explained the unemotional, lengthy process that the design review committee follows. Due to neighborhood complaints, advice from real estate professionals, and other input, the committee agreed to require a change of trim color only. The Graffis's were unwilling to do that stating that they didn't really care if people don't like the colors they chose. They showed pictures of other brightly colored homes in the neighborhood and stated that they felt they were being singled out and harassed. They also stated that their realtor didn't think the house colors had any impact on resale.

Camille again explained the process and stated that the final decision rests with the architectural review committee. She also pointed out that all of the other blue homes in the neighborhood included a lighter trim color, mostly white, which shows the consistency of their decisions.

The Graffis's again complained that their right to a hearing had been ignored. The board explained that homeowners are always welcome, in fact encouraged to attend, our regular meetings. Due to time constraints and scheduling, they were unable to attend any regular meetings.

It was agreed that there were mistakes made, communication breakdowns, and general misunderstandings. The Graffis's asked for a meeting with the design review committee which the committee agreed to do.

Following their meeting, it was agreed that the Graffis's will change their dark trim color to match their home color. It was further agreed that the shutters and door would be the only parts of the house that would remain the darker blue color. These changes must occur as soon as weather permits, but no later than May 31, 2009.

Not exactly what the board had in mind, but the board compromised to avoid higher legal expenses. It was further agreed that the homeowners would absorb the legal fees that have accumulated due to this situation.