

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

This is another pivotal year in the life of our Association. We have gathered here to determine the course our Association will take as we move forward. In 2007, a couple of hundred people frustrated with the management of our Association met here at Roth's to demand an orderly transition to community rule. That year, we all won because of good leadership and a willingness to work together.

Today, our Association is an efficient and well-functioning organization. Our bills are paid, tax returns filed, our legal responsibilities are met and records are reviewed yearly by an independent accountant.

As most of you know, our ACC (Architectural Control Committee) did not accept homes proposed by a major builder. Since then, our community and Board has been put on notice that there is the possibility of litigation. There has also been a concerted effort to remove the Board and all the lawful rules the Board adopted to respond to the input of the community.

We have notified our insurance company and are assured by council that the Board has acted lawfully. Unfortunately, the room is full of attorneys who want to catch someone saying something actionable. Board members have been told to not engage in negative conversation or answer questions that place the community at risk.

We regret being in that position, but Board members will not place the community at risk. We will develop answers to questions, have our attorney review the answers and then placed on the webpage for all to read.

In closing, regardless of the direction chosen this evening, it is important to remember we are neighbors and need to work together to move forward as a community. In March, over 150 people attended a community meeting to express their views regarding the possibility of a large developer building homes in our community. Regardless of the intensity of feelings, our Association members treated each other and our guests with respect and dignity. We need to be in the land of respect this evening.

Thank you,

Mike Eastlund, President