

AERC
April 25, 2006

The AERC held its April meeting electronically with members Bob Day, Bob Craig, Dave Minier, Paula Hadzima, Bob Tremmell, Donna Parisi and Dan Navarro.

Applications

7414 Monona Terrace	replace deck, slightly bigger	Approved
7236 Grinnell Drive	playhouse in the back yard	Approved
7201 Grinnell Drive	replace front door	Approved

Other Actions

Two letters were sent to the County requesting Code inspections – 7306 Grinnell Drive for a sunken driveway and rotted garage pillar, and 15519 Villisca Terrace for broken/missing shutters and a vine growing over his windows.

A neighborhood drive-around was conducted Sunday evening, April 30th at 7pm for lawn maintenance. Our Guidelines state “no grass higher than 6 inches”. Letters were sent to the following homeowners: 7306 Grinnell Drive and 15630 Gold Ring Way.

The garage doors at 7212 Dubuque Court have peeling paint and perhaps water damage at the bottom. They are the original garaged doors. A letter was sent to the homeowner citing concerns for safety as well as maintenance.

Wooden Fence

The wooden fence behind Villisca Terrace on the berm continues to provide a private place for teenage mischief. Last month we presented ideas for taking down some or all of the wooden fence in order to eliminate this “teenage hangout”. This month we present to the Board another alternative - fence off the end of the wooden fence.

First, here is a quote from a recent homeowner’s email:

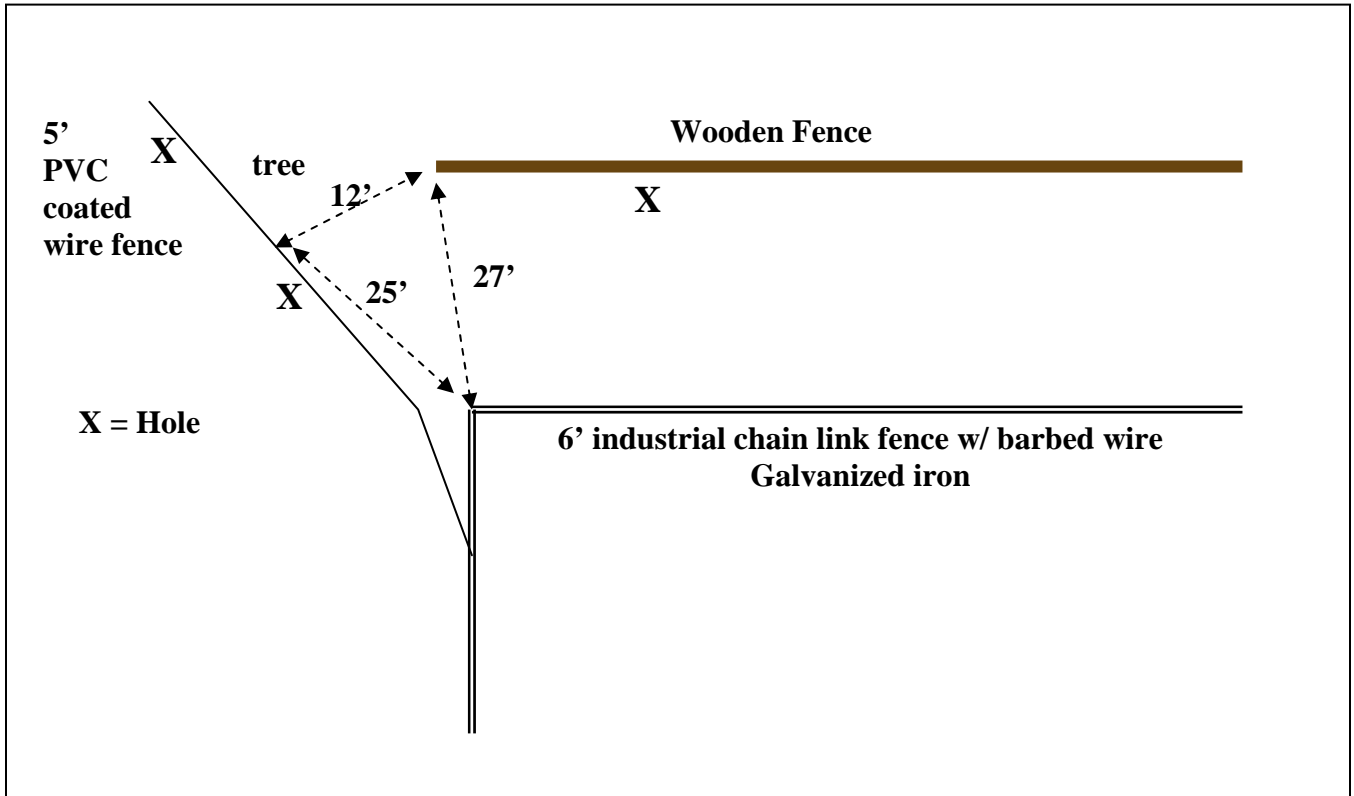
I think it would be wonderful to fence off that area to prevent access and perhaps plant a few thorny bushes to make it hard to congregate there. It is only a hang out because it is easy. I do not believe the area is used quite so much this year as it was in the past. Last year the spot was visited regularly- every other day by someone wearing a fat backpack who would walk in from Crabbs Branch Way and leave within 5 minutes with a much thinner backpack. I don't know whether it stopped because the police came out several times and walked the area, or whether someone in the neighborhood that was buying and selling 'whatever' was in the backpack, moved on to college. However, things could change at anytime. I believe the idea to fence off the area's entrance is a great low cost solution which preserves our tranquil neighborhood from industrial park noise. Retaining the fence is surely the fairest solution for the residents that directly about the area.

The AERC likes the alternative of closing off the western end with a chain link fence. A diagram of the area and information on various alternatives is attached to this report. Closing off the area with a suitable chain link fence would not be an expensive solution for our Association. It will eliminate the “teenage hangout area” and we hope the Board pursues it.

With no further business, the AERC meeting adjourned.

Wooden Fence

Our wooden fence is 6' high and runs the berm from Villisca Terrace to Grinnell Drive. There is a hole about 15' from the western end of this fence where 3 planks have been banged out. The western end of our wooden fence stops short of the 5' fence that surrounds the back yard of the Plant Physiology Association. This fence is made of PVC coated wire and 2 holes have been cut in the fence. PVC coated wire can be cut using household wire cutters. The 5' PVC wire fence ties into the 6' industrial chain link fence put up by FEDEX. The FEDEX fence has barbed wire on top.



To close off the opening, there are 4 alternatives.

- extend the wooden fence so it connects with the PVC wire fence
- install a 12' section of PVC coated wire fence that connects to the PVC coated wire fence
- install a 27' section industrial chain link fence that connects to the FEDEX fence corner pole
- install a 37' (12+25) of industrial chain link fence that connects to the FEDEX pole

Alternative (a) has a tree in line with the wooden fence so an extension would have to take a slight jog around it.

Alternatives (a) and (b) have a problem – it is easy to cut a hole in the existing PVC fence.

Alternative (c) can match the FEDEX fence in height and style and tie into their corner post. And you can't cut this fence unless you have big bolt cutters. This type of fence runs \$12-15/foot for materials.

Alternative (d) eliminates the opening completely and presents the most formidable barrier.

