

Excerpt From A Plot Of Murder

Scene: The Association Board meeting has begun:

LOU: (stands and interrupts) Let's cut the tedious stuff and talk about the real issue! And that's the local council pushing this "element remains" on the common grounds and our Lots!

GEORGE: Lots of what?

LOU: Lot of trouble Georgie boy! You see, I happen to have certain information about what's really going on with this whole deal. I know a guy who has a friend, whose cousin works for the council. Serves coffee or something. Anyway, if this deal goes through, they're gunna build a Strip Mall and Family Fun Pizza Palace right next to our homes! I don't know about you, but the last thing we need is a buncha loud screaming yahoos running around our neighborhood!

GEORGE: Who's running around on yahoo?

RONNIE: Never mind George just get on with it.

GEORGE: Uh..right. (checks clipboard)

ELLA: (stands) Lou has a point! I for one, feel the Neighborhood Association has a right to know about this!

RONNIE: In due time Ella! George! Please continue!

GEORGE: Let's see.. did I do the trash service? Or was I on the matter of the Construction sign in Francis Farmer's yard. Apparently there is a rule about signs.

Lou: I gotta sign for you! And it's a bad sign!

GEORGE: There can be no signs, bad or otherwise planted in anyone's yard. Next issue..

LOU: Is the board just going to stand by and let this happen?

GEORGE: ..the grass in the Maguilcutty lawn is beyond the required 2 inch length..

Ethyl: I think it disgraceful!

LARS: (stands) You're right Ethyl it is! As most of you know I have a lawn care business. If the Maguilcutty's had me taking care of their..

RONNIE: Lars! Please! What have I told you about soliciting during Board time.

LARS: Sorry Mrs Holmes. (sits)

RONNIE: George, if you would.

GEORGE: Right. And the issue of the Bass Boat in Bubba Morgenthaler's driveway.

As you know there is an issue in the bylaws...

ETHYL: Who ever heard of such a thing? I mean, what is this world coming to?

LARS: You mean the law about the boats?

ETHYL: Why no! I mean, having a Family Fun Pizza Palace in the neighborhood!
What kind of undesirables will that attract?

Lars: Wow Ethyl, I don't know... Families? Children?

ETHYL: What about that Strip Club? It's one thing to have screaming kids with pizza,
but to have strippers parading around...

RONNIE: No, Ethyl. A strip mall. Not a Strip club.

GEORGE ..and anyway now, for any New Business..

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