

Sawyers Cluster Board Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2021
Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods

Board Members Present

Eduardo Faubert, Ryan Heise, Rose Hernandez, Joe Gresko, Robert Callaghan
Special Advisor: Adam Bennett (Trees)

Accountant

Ill Song

1. Call to Order

- a. Called to order at 7:00pm

2. Approval of prior meeting minutes

- a. Board approved minutes

3. Financial Report

- a. Nothing significant to report; provided paper report to Board

4. Old Business

- a. Light Post Wattage: Board agreed that 100W will be the preferred, current, non-conforming lights will be replaced as they burn out
- b. Online Dues Payment: Eduardo would like to explore further with Treasurer and Financial Administrator; mixed even among the Board on who receives the statements via mail; Treasurer asked about some cloud storage option for homeowners to check their financial info
 - i. Secretary and VP made motion to explore software solution to manage HOA and payments, Board unanimously approved
 - ii. Financial Administrator once again voiced his opposition to software solutions on the whole.
- c. Landscaping by soccer fields: Ryan has not had a chance to meet with Genesis to discuss proposals. He plans to have a solid plan in July and discuss at that time.
- d. Falling Tree Liability: tree fell on a vehicle and the homeowner is filing suit against the cluster. This falling is considered to be "an Act of God".
- e. Cartwright/Coppersmith Erosion Project Update: Eduardo proposed to reschedule picnic to also notify of the erosion project
- f. Rescheduled Picnic: proposed date of July 24 to replace the July 19 meeting - agreed.
- g. Cluster Standard Project: Robert acquired all Martin Senour colors and is attempting to color match for the stucco houses. He is planning to bring paint boards to HOA meeting in Aug.
 - i. Rose plans to bring her research and color wheels to that meeting for the board's review in August.
- h. Signage: A resident suggested replacing the signs with something "nicer" at each entrance. *A suggestion was made to cultivate potential signage options by driving around to nearby neighborhoods and taking photos of other Reston-approved entrance decor.*
 - i. President also pitched options for additional stonework and lighting
 - ii. Joe will research additional options for larger or new signage for consideration

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- i. Credit Card: Ill completed a CC application to Suntrust bank in person three weeks ago. He will follow up to check its status ASAP so he and the President can receive cards for their use on behalf of the Cluster. He will report on it by the next meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Trees: Adam presented suggested tree work, contractor noted significant work required mostly around Coppersmith, but also playground and along Olde Crafts
 - i. Partial work, just around Coppersmith & play area at \$14,000, 5 days
 - ii. Complete at \$22,000, 8 days
 - iii. President votes in favor of complete project: unanimous approval

6. Open Forum

- a. President requested a meeting with the Treasurer and Financial Administrator to discuss the current dues payment process and reconcile the homeowner lists maintained by the Financial Administrator and the HOA; Secretary requested Board receive a readout from that meeting, meeting will tentatively be on Tuesday, June 29, 2021
- b. Phone transferred from Treasurer to the President
- c. Two large trees that look sick/dying on Cluster land, near 2152 Cartwright and directly across from it were pointed out. It was decided that they needed to be looked into further (likely with the tree company the Cluster is working with) and possibly removed -- especially given that they are both in the parking lot/around cars.
 - i. Point is raised that other decorative trees that have died or will be removed from Cluster land will need to be replaced.
 - ii. Point is also raised that HOA can plant new trees after current tree removal has been accomplished.

7. Significant Actions

- a. The Secretary and VP made a motion to explore software solutions to manage HOA and payments; the Board unanimously approved.
 - i. Ryan plans to look into the software further. The aim is to get a 30 day trial up and running in late July so it can be discussed at the August meeting.
- b. President votes in favor of complete tree pruning project (8 days @ \$22,000): unanimous approval

Meeting Adjourned

8:24pm

Next Board Meeting

Saturday, July 24, 2021