

## **Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA**

### **Minutes – Jan. 15, 2020**

2:30PM at Balcones Country Club

**Present:** Jim Aberle, Cathy Brocato, Charlie DeWeese, Don Gutierrez, Nancy Shindler.

**Guests:** ACC members Jerry Lozano, Vikki Jacobi, and Rick Jacobi.

**Absent:** Jacque Forrest.

**Called to Order** at 2:30 pm.

**Minutes:** December meeting minutes were approved by e-mail and have been posted on the HOA Web site.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Nancy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jim seconded and motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Membership
  - There currently are 390 paid members for 2020. This time last year there were about 600 paid members. The decrease may be due to not selling Christmas trees in 2019.
  - There were 8 homes sold in December, with 1 sale so far in January.
  - Don picked up 25 oak wilt signs from the City of Austin and will put them out in February.
  - We will send the usual mailing to all property owners in February to remind them to pay dues or be removed from the io e-mail group (formerly the Yahoo group). We will add information about the proposed Land Development Code to the postcard.
- ACC – Cathy Brocato for Jacque Forrest.
  - Jacque prepared and distributed a recap of enforcement actions taken by the ACC and the cost of those actions.

## Old Business

- Oak wilt.
  - On Jan. 22, Charlie will drive Don Gardner around to review the trees in the neighborhood for signs of oak wilt.
  - Don Gardner has advised Nancy that he already has surveyed more than half the trees and is pleasantly surprised at how good they look. So far he has seen no signs of oak wilt, even in the area where we had a previous outbreak.
  - Don Gardner's report will be simple and brief. The information will be shared with the neighborhood property owners. There will be no report given to Balcones Country Club.
- *Balcones Living* magazine.
  - Nancy met with Matt Ver Meer. The magazine is happy with the articles and the magazine provides a useful (and free) way for the board to communicate with the neighborhood.
- Christmas trees for 2020.
  - Jerry will contact potential suppliers.
- Land use code.
  - Jim will ask our attorney about whether a deed restriction violation may cloud the title of a property.
  - Jim is continuing to work with Councilman Flannigan's office to schedule a meeting.
  - The February mailer will be revised to add information about the board's work on the LDC and provide a high level report on the information we have received. Cathy will get pricing for the revised postcard, which also will include a 2020 membership form to be completed and returned.

## New Business

- E-mail notification.
  - Around the time the postcard is mailed, an e-mail will be sent to all homeowners advising them to watch for the postcard.
  - An e-mail also will be sent to all homeowners advising them when the January meeting minutes are posted, highlighting a couple of important points from the meeting, and advising that future mailings about the minutes will go only to paid members who are on the io (formerly Yahoo) e-mail list.

- In the future, after the meeting minutes are posted Nancy will send an e-mail to the list of paid members advising that minutes are posted and giving highlights of the meeting.
- We need a letter to the bank advising that Cathy is now president and Jim is past president. Nancy will check to see whether she sent a similar letter last year.
- Bulk item pickup begins Feb. 24. This is too early for the neighborhood garage sale, so we will not attempt to coordinate.
- We will send a reminder that parking RVs and trailers with boats or motorcycles is a violation of city code and can be reported to the city at 3-1-1, not to the ACC.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Balcones Country Club.

Adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Shindler, Secretary