

Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA

Minutes – Feb. 19, 2020

2:30PM at Spicewood Clubhouse

Present: Jim Aberle, Cathy Brocato, Charlie DeWeese, Jacque Forrest, Don Gutierrez, Alexandra Kastelic, Nancy Shindler.

Guests: ACC member Vikki Jacobi and Neighborhood Liaisons Karen Choate, Janet and Ray Joe, Marin Rusch, Svenna Schlesinger, and Linda Strickland.

Absent: None.

Called to Order at 2:30 pm.

Minutes: January 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.
- Charlie provided the Constable Report for 2019 and January 2020. He noted that a juvenile was stopped on Cedar Crest for driving 63 mph.

Committee Reports

- Membership–Don Gutierrez.
 - There currently are 418 paid members for 2020.
 - There were 7 homes sold in January, with 1 sale so far in February.
 - Don has put up the oak wilt signs but some have already been stolen. He will replace them in the next few weeks.
- ACC –Jacque Forrest.
 - There were several requests for approvals along with inquiries regarding ongoing infractions. The ACC will follow up on the violations per usual procedures.
 - We are going to look again at the role of the ACC and HOA in enforcing deed restrictions in light of the possible effects of the City's proposed new Land Development Code.

Old Business

- Oak wilt.
 - Don Gardner, Consulting Arborist, has almost completed his review of the trees in the neighborhood. In early February, Charlie drove Don Gardner around the golf course. Don has been driving around the rest of the neighborhood on his own.
 - Don Gardner will submit a high-level report in the next 2-3 weeks. Besides giving his assessment of our trees, he will provide some information on things to watch for and suggestions for diversity planting.
- *Balcones Living* magazine.
 - February issue – oak wilt.
 - March issue – safety and the importance of neighborhood liaisons.
 - April issue – the role of the ACC and deed restrictions, provided by Jacque Forrest with assistance from Rick and Vikki Jacobi.
- Christmas trees for 2020.
 - Brown's Tree Farm of Muncy, PA can provide our Christmas trees and deliver on Dec. 4. Cost per tree, including freight, is approximately \$25. Additional expenses such as trailer rentals and food for volunteers is about another \$5 per tree.
 - Jerry will discuss quantities with the vendor. If we want to increase the quantity above 600, they will need to know by the first week in November.
 - If we decrease the quantity below 600, what is the effect on pricing?
 - How many trees per truckload? We would not want to increase our order enough that we require a second truck for a few trees.
 - Jacque moved that we sell trees in 2020 and that we purchase the trees from Brown's Tree Farm. Charlie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Nancy will send out a brief announcement to the io list that we will be selling trees this year.
- Jim will contact our attorney to determine the requirements to be an HOA member. Are all homeowners members, regardless of the status of their dues?

- Land Development Code.
 - The February mailer has been delivered to homes. It includes information about the LDC and a 2020 membership form.

New Business

- Neighborhood Liaisons.
 - Cathy introduced the visiting neighborhood liaisons and asked for their feedback regarding their relationship with their specific areas.
 - There will be additional coordination with Don Gutierrez and the membership team.
- Neighborhood calendar.
 - Nancy presented a calendar of HOA events. It was approved, and Nancy will send it to Sue for inclusion on bvshoa.com.
 - Nancy also will send out the information in an e-mail to the .io group.
- Private area on bvshoa.com.
 - According to Webmistress Sue, our current Weebly subscription does not support a private members-only area. We can upgrade our subscription for an additional fee.
 - The board agreed that an upgrade is not necessary at this time.
- Budget.
 - Before the next meeting, board members will review the current budget to be sure it is appropriate for the current membership level and anticipated expenditures.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Spicewood Clubhouse.

Adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary