

Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA
Board Meeting Minutes – Feb. 24, 2021
4:45 PM Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present: Board members Alex Kastelic, Anne Anderson, Austin Ross, Cathy Brocato, Caleb McLain, Don Gutierrez, Jacque Forrest, Nancy Shindler.

Absent: Gary Wang.

Called to Order at 4:45 pm.

Motion approved by email between meetings: 01/22 – Alex moved that we continue paying for constable patrols 2h/1d/1w x 4w/1m (\$420/mo). Nancy seconded and the motion passed.

Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved by email and are posted on BVSHOA.COM.

Treasurer’s Report: Jacque moved to approve, Austin seconded. Motion carried.

Officer and Committee Reports.

- Treasurer – Alex.
 - Appropriate forms have been filed to formalize transition to new officers.
 - Alex has not heard from Travis County Constable’s Deputy Laurence Edwards, who replaced our previous contact. Questions regarding scheduling are on hold for now, pending an evaluation of current traffic issues.
- Membership – Don.
 - So far there are 522 members for 2021 and climbing. It’s likely we will get more members when Tom announces that he will be purging the BVSNEIGHBORS email list.
 - One home sold in January.
 - Don, Caleb, Anne, and Nancy will consider ways to increase membership and will report next month.
- ACC – Jacque.
 - One project approved (patio cover on Crest Ridge).
 - Numerous queries were addressed.
 - The ACC is following up on formal complaints regarding sheds and detached buildings. There were complaints about 12 properties but only 2 of the outbuildings have been in place 4 years or less.
 - Enforcements in progress.
 - Bull-wire fence.
 - Shed on driveway. The shed that was placed on a driveway has been removed. Legal action is likely to be required to resolve at least one of the remaining shed violations at a cost of \$1500-3000 or possibly more.

Old Business.

- January mailing to HOA members.
 - Motion to change the wording on the Articles of Incorporation and bylaw passed overwhelmingly with almost half of the HOA members voting.
 - Jacque will work with our attorney to formalize the new document. Cathy and Nancy will schedule a time to sign documents and have them notarized for RBFCU.

- Holiday tree sales. Cathy talked with the grower. They cannot accept our order formally until late March/early April because of concerns related to late freezes, etc. However they informally assured Cathy that they will honor orders from existing customers, including BVS HOA, assuming tree availability.
- Bank accounts are being transferred to Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU).
- Recruitment of a Special Events Chair is pending.

New Business.

- Lessons learned from the ice storm about neighborhood communications.
 - Alex proposed setting up an email address for membership.bvshoa@gmail.com. All membership inquiries would be directed to that address.
 - There are 374 members on the BVSNEIGHBORS email list. Assuming some households have more than one address, this means that around half of the member households are represented on the list. Since about half of the households are members, the BVSNEIGHBORS emails reach about 25% of the residents.
 - New HOA members are not automatically added to the list when they join. They must request list membership at <https://groups.io/g/BVSneighbors>.
 - There were 977 messages on the list in February. The average number of messages is around 100 per month. Many list members shared information during the ice storm and power/water outage.
 - If there is a similar emergency in the future, board members who are attempting to communicate should coordinate responsibility for monitoring emergency channels to reduce duplicate emails.
- Austin and Alex presented a high-level proposal for consolidating our various databases. Alex's husband is available to build a custom software application to streamline membership applications, payments, etc.
- Austin has set up a Google account for the board to enable sharing access to various files on Google Drive, like the membership list.
- The HOA will support spring garage sales with advertising on a date TBD. Any communications need to say that each homeowner is responsible for their own COVID precautions as well as any personal advertising/signage for their sale.
- Meetings have been moved to the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm using Zoom.

The next meeting will be Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 pm on Zoom.

Adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary