

Balcones Village - Spicewood HOA Board
Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2021
5:00 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 5:00 pm.

Motions approved by email between meetings: None.

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

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report.

Officer and Committee Reports.

- Membership – Don.
 - There are 566 members for 2021.
 - Fifteen homes sold in June.
 - Don and Suzie LaPlant are working on updating the yellow “welcome folders” given to new residents.
 - Small metal signs saying that deed restrictions are enforced in the neighborhood will cost about \$50-\$100 apiece. These could be hung on each of the signs at the entrances to the neighborhood to notify prospective new homeowners as well as current homeowners about the deed restrictions.
 - Kenneth Guerrero is the new contact for constable patrols. The rate has increased to \$80 per hour (\$60 for the officer and \$20 for the vehicle).

- ACC – Jacque.
 - ACC requests in June slowed a little. The ACC has several projects under consideration.

- Several complaint follow-ups are in progress including several out-buildings and fences.
- Austin moved that we allocate an additional \$2000 for legal expenses of the ACC. Nancy seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business.

- Christmas trees.
 - We made a deposit of \$4200 and a down payment of \$12,600. We have not yet paid shipping charges. Cathy will confirm the amount.
 - Total amount budgeted for the tree project is \$18,185.
 - We will have additional expenses for trailer rental, refreshments for volunteers, etc.
 - We need to establish the 2021 price and member discount so that we can begin publicizing the trees in October.
- The membership committee.
 - The committee did not meet since the last Board meeting but efforts continue to recruit block captains. A block captain introduction event is being considered.
 - Cathy proposed buying signs that encourage people to join the HOA. The new member committee will discuss at their next meeting.
 - The near-term focus is on recruiting block captains and developing a newsletter. The long-term goal is to increase membership to 1000.
 - We need to follow up with Shelley Simpson about her offer to help recruit members and/or block captains.
- The July 4th Parade.
 - The parade was a great success! Shelley Simpson chaired the parade effort and generated several donations.
 - ♣ Mary "B" Battaglia of Coldwell Banker Realty (512-413-8787, Maryb@maryb.com) provided the flags, popsicles, and ice cream.
 - ♣ Vivian Toney volunteered to sing the National Anthem, but a scheduling difficulty prevented her from performing.
 - Lessons learned include:
 - ♣ A board member should be specifically assigned to work with the parade chair.

- ♣ Need to make sure the parade chair understands the budgeted amount and usual expenses.
- ♣ Need to start planning sooner.
- ♣ Need to finalize the date and time several weeks before the parade. Several of Shelley's plans fell through because a commitment as to date and time was made only a few days before the parade.
- ♣ Need to make sure everyone, including the fire truck, has clear instructions regarding parade order, route, etc.
- ♣ Need volunteers to direct traffic.
- ♣ Need to assign specific tasks to people, including having a person designated to work with volunteers.
- ♣ The big HOA sign was very effective at reminding neighbors that the parade is sponsored by the HOA. Good work by photographers who included the sign in their photographs.

New Business.

- Randolph Brooks Credit Union needs additional documentation before we can transfer our accounts to them.
- The Annual Meeting will be Nov. 4. It will be an in-person meeting and the format will generally be the same as previous in-person meetings.
- Fall garage sale will be Oct. 2. City of Austin bulk pickup in our neighborhood starts Oct. 4.
- Directors and officers' insurance premium is due in November.
- The 2022 budget needs to be approved at the August board meeting, as the 2022 fiscal year begins on Sept. 1. The board will have a special Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:15 pm to develop the 2022 budget.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 11 on Zoom. Time will be confirmed before the meeting.

Adjourned at 6:20 pm. Executive session convened at 6:20 pm and adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary