

Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA
Minutes – Aug. 21, 2019
2:30PM at Balcones Country Club

Present: Jim Aberle, Cathy Brocato, Suzie LaPlant, Charlie DeWeese, Jacque Forrest, Sue Schupbach, Nancy Shindler. Guest – Pat Zigrossi.

Absent: None.

Called to Order at 2:30 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jacque moved to accept the June treasurer's report. Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- Membership – Suzie.
 - There currently are 583 members of the HOA.
 - Nine houses sold in July. Four have sold so far in August.
- ACC – Jacque
 - 9202 Spring Hollow. Jacque moved to approve plans for a new fence. Charlie seconded and the motion passed.
 - 11203 Taterwood. The homeowner was notified that the request to build a gazebo in the back yard is not addressed under the deed restrictions for section 8a. It is a city matter.
 - 11106 Pickfair and 10704 Plumewood – request for approval of solar panels. Homeowners were advised that the deed restrictions do not address solar panels.
 - 10104 Mandeville Circle. Jacque moved that the plan for a screen porch be approved. Charlie seconded and the motion passed.
 - 9414 Spring Lake – request for approval of a carport topped by solar panels was withdrawn by the homeowner.

Old Business

- Cathy presented a summary of the survey results.
 - The biggest concern cited in the survey results was safety.
 - The majority of respondents preferred having small gatherings of their immediate neighbors or residents on their street rather than having a large party for the entire neighborhood.
 - The most appreciated activity was information shared by the HOA about the neighborhood (85% of respondents). Other appreciated activities were Christmas trees (80%), constable patrols (63%), and the holiday lights decorations (52%).

New Business

- The fall garage sale will be September 21. Sue will post a notice to the Yahoo list and on Facebook around Sept. 1. Suzie will post signs the weekend prior to the garage sale. Sue will put an ad in the Austin American-Statesman.
- National Night Out is October 1 in Texas. Pat will provide Jim a draft of an e-mail encouraging small group parties (not necessarily on October 1). The e-mail will remind members that they can be reimbursed for up to \$50 in expenses when receipts are submitted. The HOA will not reimburse for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
- Jim requested suggestions from the board for speakers for the annual meeting on Nov. 7.
- Jim will send an e-mail to the Yahoo list asking for suggestions on spending surplus money available through the District 6 office. The HOA will merely collect responses and forward them to Councilman Flannigan's office, without taking a position on the suggestions. Sue will talk to the BCC Board of Governors about the request for suggestions so that other neighborhoods also can provide input. Charlie will notify the Spicewood at Bull Creek HOA.
- Jim will respond to the homeowner who asked about the HOA trimming his trees to provide clearance for high-profile vehicles. Under the city code, this is the homeowners' responsibility, not the HOA's. Sue will post a reminder to the Yahoo list and Facebook about trimming trees in the summer to avoid oak wilt and she will mention that homeowners are responsible for trimming trees to meet city code as well as trimming vegetation to ensure line of sight for drivers of vehicles.

- There will not be an article submitted to *Balcones Living* magazine for the November issue, as we don't have details yet about the Christmas tree sale. Nancy will notify the magazine.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Balcones Country Club.

Adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary