

Balcones Village - Spicewood HOA
Board Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2021
5:00 PM Virtual Meeting on Zoom

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

Guest: HOA member Ethan Meltzer.

Absent: Don Gutierrez.

Called to Order at 5:00 pm.

Motions approved by email between meetings: None.

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

Treasurer's Report: There were no expenditures in July. Alex recommends recruiting a backup treasurer.

Officer and Committee Reports.

- Membership.
 - There are 572 members for 2021.
 - Nine homes sold in June.
 - Small metal signs saying that the neighborhood has deed restrictions will cost about \$28 apiece if we order 11 signs (a total of \$308 plus tax). 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. Austin can attach the additional signs to the bottom of the existing signs.
 - 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). Corporal Guerrero is willing to assign a deputy for a minimum of 2 hours per day. The total for 4 weeks would be \$640. Don recommends this schedule for September-May. For June-August Don recommends 2 hours per day every other week, with the total being \$320. After approval of the budget Don will send Corporal Guerrero suggested times, days, and locations. The goal is to begin patrols on Sept. 1.
 - Anne reported that the new member committee is continuing to work on plans to recruit and support Block Captains. Anne has made progress on a design for a newsletter. We need to send a fall mailer to all neighbors advertising the annual meeting and tree sale. We also will include information about joining or renewing membership and paying dues.
- ACC – Jacque.
 - Approvals
 - Rear-facing garage addition (Springwood)
 - Minor renovation - adding a door (Cedar Crest)

- Approval Pending
 - Pool and Outdoor Kitchen (Brandywine Circle)
- The ACC responded to inquiries about a second story addition, solar panels, a second driveway, and a rainwater system.
- Violation resolution is still in progress regarding shed and carport violations.

Old Business.

- Christmas trees.
 - Spicewood Estates would like to add about 100 trees to our order for 2022.
 - We need to establish the 2021 price and member discount so that we can begin publicizing the trees in October.
- Cathy has provided required documentation to Randolph Brooks Credit Union. She, Alex, and Caleb will set a time to meet at the bank to complete the transfer.
- The Annual Meeting will be Nov. 4 at Balcones Country Club. It will be an in-person meeting but we also will offer a Zoom option. Cathy met with Natalie at BCC and established that pricing will be \$20/person, but BCC will not charge us for use of the room. The board approved the menu. Cathy has arranged for Veronica Saldate, Crime Prevention Specialist from the Austin Police Dept, to speak for 20-25 minutes on crime prevention. We may have tables set up with information on other topics.
- Directors and officers insurance premium is due in November. Cathy has emailed the application to Chubb and is awaiting a quote. She has asked about a premium reduction for having multiple policies with Chubb.
- The board voted 7-1 to raise dues to \$50 per household per year, effective with the 2022 dues. The last dues increase was in 2005. The board will look into other sources of revenue like sponsorships, events, encouragement for additional donations (possibly a PBS-style tiered approach or donations to a dedicated fund for a specific purpose), and sales of community-building items like yard signs. These other sources of revenue would need to be mindful of our non-profit status and deed restrictions (in the case of yard signs). Additional revenue would be used to increase the services that the HOA provides to the community.
- The 2022 budget was approved unanimously.
- Cathy is working on verbiage for signs to be added to the neighborhood entrance signs. The new signs will advertise that deed restrictions are enforced.

New Business.

- Cathy is continuing to work on recruiting a Special Events chair.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 8 at 5:00 pm on Zoom.

Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary