

Balcones Village/Spicewood (BV/S) Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Oct. 21, 2020 4:45 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Board Members.

Jim Aberle, Past President
Cathy Brocato, President
Charlie DeWeese, Treasurer
Jacque Forrest, ACC Chair

Don Gutierrez, Membership
Alex Kastelic, Asst. Treasurer
Nancy Shindler, Secretary

Board Candidates.

Austin Ross

Caleb McLain

Call to Order.

- Zoom Guidelines (Cathy).

Officer and Committee Reports.

- **Treasurer (Charlie).**
 - Monthly Treasurer's report previously approved by e-mail.
 - Audit and Recommendations.
 - Procedural modifications recommended in audit.
 - Add reporting of things passed by email to board meeting minutes.
 - Mention in the minutes that the budget was approved.
 - Jim moved that we approve the 2021 budget, Jacque seconded. Motion passed.
 - Jim moved, Jacque seconded that we accept the audit and modify procedures as required.
 - Constable Report.
- **Membership (Don).**
 - Seven homes sold in September.
 - We have 497 members for 2020.
 - We have 174 members for 2021.
- **Architectural Control Committee (Jacque).**
 - The ACC has been very busy this month. Approvals include:
 - 9016 Mountain Lake – Pool.
 - 9416 Spring Hollow – Upgrade of existing shed to finished living space.
 - 11911 Brookwood Circle – Master Suite addition.
 - 9405 Cedar Crest - Golf Cart Garage.
 - 9908 Brandywine Circle – Pool.
 - 11115 Orsini – Deck upgrade.
 - 9613 Vista View - Front Entry upgrade.
 - 11402 Spicewood Pkwy – Fence.

- 9005 Balcones Club Dr. – Fence.
- Several big projects have been submitted and are being worked. Issues that arise are primarily related to setbacks.
- The ACC has been working on 3 violations, one of which is resolved.
- Mailer on update to Articles of Incorporation and vote will go out in late January or early February.

Past Business.

- **Mailchimp (Nancy).**
 - The Mailchimp email about the Annual Meeting went to 1012 recipients. Of those, 990 were successfully delivered and 22 bounced. Of the delivered emails, 492 were opened. One person unsubscribed because they are no longer interested in receiving the emails.
 - Nancy will compare the Mailchimp list to Tom’s bvsneighbors list to determine how many non-members opened the email.
 - Nancy will send an email about deed restrictions regarding chickens to the Mailchimp list.
- **Zoom**
 - Jacque has upgraded Zoom this week for the Annual Meeting.
 - After the meeting we will drop back down to a less expensive level of membership.

New Business.

- **2021 memberships, tree orders, and votes (Charlie).**
 - We have received orders for 235 trees. Cathy to check with Jerry about giving trees to BCC.
 - We have received 2021 dues from 217 people.
 - We have received 40 ballots. We need 50 for a quorum.
 - Hoping tree sales will pick up after Thanksgiving. Alex suggested putting a “lemonade-style” stand in her front yard to sell trees.
 - We can’t put up signs for annual meeting as information is not accurate this year.
 - We will get Christmas tree sale signs. Charlie moved that Cathy be authorized to spend up to \$400 on Christmas tree signs. Jacque seconded. Motion passed.
 - Oak wilt signs don’t go up until January.
- **PayPal security/options.**
 - Users can pay with PayPal as a guest. It’s not necessary to set up a PayPal account.
 - Jim has found no reports of recent hacking in the U.S.
 - Jim will continue to look for an alternative.
 - Alex’s husband works in security. He says Paypal is as secure as any other thing. The hacking issue reported by a neighbor probably was user error or a unique occurrence. It was unrelated to BV/S.
- **Annual Meeting (Cathy).**
 - Draft agenda sent by Cathy was approved. Cathy will ask Jerry whether he wants to present about the Holiday Lights contest. If not, someone else will do it.
 - Chat Monitor – Heidi to monitor. Heidi will pass along chat requests at the end of each section. We do not need a practice session.
 - Nancy will send out Zoom guidelines along with agenda to Mailchimp.

- **November Board Meeting.**
 - The regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 18.
 - The new Board for 2021 will meet with the 2020 Board at the regular November Board meeting.

- **Other.**
 - Holiday Lights Contest.
 - There will be 3 winners from Balcones Village and 3 winners from Spicewood. Don moved that winners will each receive a \$50 gift card. Charlie seconded and the motion passed. The HOA also will put a sign in the yards of winners.
 - We will not have runners-up this year.
 - We will solicit neighbors to do the judging this year. Cathy will contact people who volunteered on the survey. Nancy will solicit volunteers in the email.
 - We have had another volunteer to serve on the 2021 Board. It is too late to add him to ballot but we will consider nominating him to an open seat for a one-year term.

Adjourned – 6:25