

Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA

Minutes – Nov. 13, 2019

2:30PM at Balcones Country Club

Present: Jim Aberle, Suzie LaPlant, Cathy Brocato, Jacque Forrest, Charlie DeWeese, Sue Schupbach, Nancy Shindler. Newly elected 2020 board member Don Gutierrez.

Guest: Vicki Jacobi.

Absent: None.

Called to Order at 2:30 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report was approved online.
- Charlie moved that we should not fund the 2019 Turkey Trot. Sue seconded. Motion passed.
- Sue moved that we purchase a \$50 gift card to Total Wine for Reeve Hobbie in appreciation for his writing the "Around the Yard" articles. Cathy seconded and the motion passed. Jim will send a thank you note to Reeve with the card.

Committee Reports

- Membership – Suzie.
 - There currently are 582 members of the HOA for 2019.
 - So far there are 244 members for 2020.
 - Eight houses sold in October. One house has sold so far in November.
- ACC – There have been some inquiries but no approvals or denials.

Old Business

- Land use code.
 - Jim will send an e-mail to the HOA's attorney regarding how our deed restrictions will interact with the proposed land use code. He will request some legal precedents so we will have some understanding of case law.
 - Jim has requested a date for a meeting with Nathan of Councilman Flannigan's office. So far Jim has not had a reply.
- "Half-cent program".
 - The board requested recommendations on spending the surplus funds held by District 6. There were 21 responses to the board's request. Those responses have been forwarded to Councilman Flannigan's office.
 - Cathy will attend Councilman Flannigan's meeting on Nov. 19 and will report discussion and decisions to the board.
- Annual meeting.
 - There were 92 people plus 7 board members at the annual meeting. There were 55 households represented.

New Business

- Oak wilt project.
 - Sue moved that the HOA spend up to \$1000 for an assessment of neighborhood trees for oak wilt. Jacques seconded and the motion passed.
 - Although there were several recommendations, no neighborhood arborists have responded to Nancy's RFP.
 - Nancy will contact consulting arborist Don Gardner for a quote on doing the assessment.
- Holiday Lights contest.
 - Judging will be Dec. 14-15.
 - There will be no categories this year.
 - All board members will judge both Balcones Village and Spicewood. Board members can rank as many houses as they wish.
 - Winners are ineligible for 3 years after winning. They are eligible again in the fourth year. For example, 2019 winners will be eligible again in 2023.
 - There will be 3 winners in Balcones Village and 3 in Spicewood. Each winner will receive a check for \$150.

- There will be 3 honorable mention awards in Balcones Village and 3 in Spicewood. Each honorable mention award winner will receive a check for \$50.
- Results are due to Suzie by Sunday afternoon, December 15. Suzie will compile the results.
- 2020 Communication Plan.
 - Nancy will update the proposed communication plan for 2020 and circulate to the board.
 - Sue will continue to maintain the Web site and the Facebook page.

Future Business

- January board assignments.
 - Don Gutierrez will take over the Membership Committee from Suzie.
 - Cathy has provided contact information for people who volunteered on the survey. They will be contacted by Cathy or by committee chairs.

There will be no board meeting in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Balcones Country Club.

Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary