

Balcones Village/Spicewood (BV/S) Homeowners Association Board Meeting
Balcones Country Club May 9, 2023 5:00 PM

Board Members (2023 Board positions)

Present

Austin Ross, Caleb McLain, Cathy Brocato, Don Gutierrez, Jacque Forrest, Linda Strickland, Suzie LaPlant, Vivian Featherston,

Absent

Roland Segovia

Guest – Nicole (Events)

AGENDA

Call to Order

- Prior Minutes () -confirm with Roland on prior meeting minutes

Officer and Committee Reports

- Treasurer Report
 - Books Balance
 - Increased membership by 9 in April. Current 489 paid members
 - Paid membership may vary due to movins.

 - Revenues - 9 memberships paid. Total Members paid **498**
 - Expenses: Officer Patrols, Deed restriction enforcement, Mailout Printing
 - Money Market Dividend
- Membership Committee Update
 - (496) 2023 members
 - (3) houses sold in April
- Constable Report (Don)
 - No traffic violation data received from Deputy Constable Ben Coe yet. This information will be shared once received.
 - Deputy C will remain our deputy on patrol. Deputy Constable P informed is he has moved on to other roles in the Constable's office.
 - Asked Deputy C to take some of the allotted time from 5-7 pm any day he is on patrol for us to go by Taterwood Dr area at the request of one of our Block Captains for that street. The Block Captain said there were many speeders.
 - Note: need to provide Deputy C email for July4 planning notifications

- Architectural Control Committee
 - 1 Project approvals
 - 3 Reviews in progress
 - 9 Inquiries Answered
 - 3 Complaints/Potential Violations
 - 4 Enforcements Progressing
 - 1 Request for HOA Information for new homeowner from Title Company!

Past Business

- Updates: Event Planning
 - Garage Sale
 - Contact email had 1110 deliveries, 771 (65%) unique open rate, 144% total opens (emails may be forwarded)
 - Nextdoor (wed)
 - Craigslist (Wed & Fri)
 - No American Statesman ads this year

- Signs posted in neighborhood
 - Overall comment was lower traffic
 - Lessons learned
 - Need access to mom’s group for distribution
 - Engage Block captains for listing/promoting
 - Facebook – utilizes a “page” in the group which is visible to the public, not just group
 - Recommendation – not to have a FALL Garage Sale
 - **Resolved:**
 - Motion: Based on feedback and response from this Garage Sale, the HOA will not conduct a Fall Garage Sale. (Motion: Austin, Second, Jacque – all passed)
- **New Business (20+ minutes)**
 - 4th of July Parade – (Nicole Labarbera)
 - Sponsors, awards, preparation
 - Working on the July 4th parade use sample email verbiage used last year, including the Scout troop, Constable, AFD and Troy, donation requests, volunteers, etc.
 - Building Contact list and roles
 - Board Support teams
 - Coordination of Resources (fire, APD, color guard, etc)
 - Sponsors (Awards/Gifts)
 - Traffic Control
 - Singer
 - Set-up
 - Communications
 - Action –
 - Set 30 minutes per week for planning support
 - Make preparations to block side streets.
 - Block Parties & Block Captains
 - Block Captains can facilitate After-parade block parties
 - Becky McLain can provide current list of block captains. This is needed for Communications team
- Neighborhood News & Community
 - Communications – Linda Strickland
 - Absent/missing emails from our master list of residents - 248 emails missing from 1,100 homes under HOA
 - Request block captain support to include these homes
 - May email Blast - (living with wildlife and first round of info for Fourth of July, etc)
 - HOA Facebook page - Future - Consider Closed User Group on Facebook –
 - Nicole can help guide the process to create a group
 - **Resolved** – (Motion -Linda) to create a Facebook HOA Group including the process to administer that Group. (Second – Caleb), all present voted for – Passed
 - Website – currently in Weebly
 - **Action:** consider forming a volunteer committee to evaluate the restructuring of website. Revisit outside Board meeting.
 - Christmas Trees
 - Early contact: Orders to start in June
 - Consider participation with other HOA
 - In 2022: **Total 506 trees** (BVS 405, 60 Mountain, 41 Spicewood Estates) *Due to economies of scale and the need to diffuse the cost of transportation, we need to include other HOA for the gross volume needed.* May be additional HOA to participate. Spicewood at Bullcreek
- Security
 - Request for Constable patrols on specific streets. Constable patrols are funded by HOA memberships. Block Captains can help the board evaluate patrol locations
- Administration
 - Access to G-drive
 - Secondary / contingent status for all Board / HOA accounts - part of the Secretary’s duties
 - Get access to Events@ email for Nicole

- Insurance –
 - President & Treasurer – primary contacts
 - Received letter of notice on the expiration of the Policy in June. Action needed to confirm renewal.

Adjourn: Caleb -Motion (Austin- Second)- all approved

Next Board Meeting*
June 13, 2023, 5:00 pm at the Balcones Country Club
(Second Tuesday of each month)