

**The Gardens on the Rio Grande Homeowners Association  
Los Duranes Community Center  
11/2/2022**

**Attendance:** Jerry Simon, Treasurer; Marilyn Showalter, member at large; Kevin McCusker, Vice President; Shirley Hosler, Secretary; Debby Smith, President absent; Gil Clarke, Landscape chair absent. There were no community members at the meeting.

**Call to Order:** 6:00 PM Meeting was Adjourned at 6:30 PM

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approved by acclimation

**Treasurer Report: Bank Accounts (as of 11/02/2022):**

Checking	\$ 31,641.19
Landscape Checking	\$ 2,164.42
Undeposited Funds	\$ 0
Operating Fund	\$ 33,805.61
(Road Reserve)	\$ 61,884.68
Total All Accounts	\$ 95,690.29

Significant expenditures: \$443.29 for website and domain renewal

Upcoming significant expenditure: \$2,234.74 to repair Manhattan gate.

**Motion:** Invest the Road Reserve money into a CD. Delegation and authorization is given to the treasurer and other signer on the account to negotiate the best interest rate.

**Action:** Motion passed by acclimation.

**Discussion:** Results of the financial review discussed and will be discussed further at the January meeting for finalization. The review will be presented at annual meeting to be held February 25, 2023, at 10 AM.

**Social Committee:** Nothing is planned.

**Landscape Committee:** Thank you to Dave Herstedt who replaced the bulbs in the Mountain gate fixture.

Irrigation is reduced for the winter; grass will be cut as needed.

Sprinklers in the North Commons will come on once a week. The controller in the South Commons is failing and does not hold the programming so it has been turned off and Amado will irrigate as necessary.

General debris removal is an ongoing concern and has been prioritized.

5 yards of crusher fine is in the process of being spread on Laguna Seca and more may be needed.

**Architectural Committee:** Is needed...still waiting for volunteers.

**Gates/Safety: Discussion:** Prevention of gate crashers and pedestrian use until the Manhattan

gate is fixed. Some residents take the ART bus to school and work and cannot get back in the neighborhood from Central.

**Motion:** Place a combination lock on the Manhattan gate and share the code for access back into the neighborhood until the gate is fixed.

**UPDATE on Motion:** There is a lock on the pedestrian gate already, but no one has knowledge of where the key is so a combination lock can be placed. LOOKING FOR A RESIDENT WHO CAN CUT THE LOCK....IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT MARILYN SHOWWALETER.

**Discussion:** Placing the gate expense on insurance.

**Motion:** Pay the gate expense and do not put on insurance was approved by acclimation.

**Discussion:** Prevention strategies to protect the gates from damage.

**Motion:** Place Reflective tape and/or Reflective paint on both gates passed by acclimation.

**Motion:** Discuss with Gil on the possibility of placing a speed bump before the Manhattan Gate on Gardens property passed by acclimation.

**UPDATE on Motion:** Unable to place a speed bump on Manhattan because emergency vehicles enter the Manhattan Gate for community emergencies because there is no speed bump.

**Motion:** Shirley and Marilyn will assess the placement of a camera for gate visualization either on a garage or on the gate itself.

**Old Business:**

Debby will post the Estate policy with minor language change on the website under policies.

Dues policy is next to be reviewed and updated

Next HOA BOD meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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