

# Sutherland Farms HOA Meeting Minutes

1/14/2023

\*Meeting called to order by Vice President Gerry Otto.

\*Introduction of officers and Board members present.

\*Geri Connally reviewed Budget 2022 and proposed budget 2023. 100% of 2022 Dues were collected.

This can be viewed at [www.sutherlandfarmsbg.com](http://www.sutherlandfarmsbg.com)

\*Projects discussed were Mowing, Social events, Tree removal, Sprinkler System, Mailboxes, Fences, Crime stopper sign and Deed Restriction violations.

\* Mowing: Tony Forshee (mower) retired due to health issues and referred us to Chris Jones. Chris will work with SF to lower cost. Geri will also look into bids for the upcoming mowing season March–October.

\* Social: Magaly Martin will continue to oversee Neighborhood Festival and possibly set the date in mid – September, a time when more families will be home due to school starting. Previous 2022 festival was held in June.

\* Yard Sale – a survey will be sent out to see interest in neighborhood yard sale. Past years have had poor turnout in number of houses participating. SF pays for the cost of spring and fall yard sale ads in the daily news.

\* Dead Trees – 3 trees were removed from green spaces. Replacements will be addressed and reviewed in the fall. The city is offering several events for reforestation, which allows homeowners 2 free trees. Sutherland Farms will send out notification for this event.

\* Sprinkler System – Charles Emberton has been overseeing the system for several years. Discussion on looking into possibly replacing outdated controls to control water usage. Charles will research options on controllers and report back to Officers and Board Members.

\* Mailboxes – Some are in need of repairs and painting. Homeowners are responsible for maintenance. Geri will send out information on referral of person who will do the mailbox maintenance if homeowner wants to pay to have repairs done.

\* Fences – Approximately half a dozen Homeowners applied for fence approvals. Property lines need to be confirmed prior to requesting approval from the HOA. Reference the fence approval form (with instructions) listed on the website.

<https://sutherlandfarmsbg.com/documents>

\* Neighborhood Watch sign – SF previously had an active neighborhood watch committee.

\* Deed Restriction Violations – HOA letters have been sent out to all infractions discussed.

Several attendees' questions:

Homeowners that are running Business from home. Causing increased car traffic, excessive garbage and unsightly non deed approved outbuildings.

Pools not maintained. County alerted and will monitor for health and safety issues.

Cars continually parked in street and/or lawns. Please notify HOA if you temporarily have RV or extra cars due to special gathering.

### **Nomination of Officers and Board Members.**

Our President Reggie Stewart has moved from the neighborhood. Reggie served our neighborhood since 2006. He created our website, contributed to the setup of our PayPal payment process, conducted and organized our meetings, assisted in our social event each year, and the list goes on. He will be missed considerably.

**President** – Vacant

**Vice President** – Gerry Otto (since 2010)

**Secretary** – Vacant

Geri Connally has been covering this role since late 2017 when our previous secretary moved. She has held the role of Treasurer since 2009. She is also assisting in coordinating the landscape maintenance. She would really appreciate someone taking over secretary position to lighten her task load. Contact Geri at [hoa@sutherlandfarmsbg.com](mailto:hoa@sutherlandfarmsbg.com) for details.

**Treasurer**– Geri Connally (since 2009).

### **Board Members:**

Brandon York

Charles Emberton

Josh Turner

Richard Daugherty

Ken Kienzler

Jerry Ferguson (alternate)

Magaly Martin (alternate)

Nominations presented. Brandon York seconded. All in favor.

Board member and officer meetings are usually held quarterly, by text or Zoom, run approximately an hour. Email and texting communication are used often to address any issues.

Discussion about changing annual meeting date to another month, requires consulting an attorney to change the bylaws. We will leave as is for now.

Board members are the eyes and ears of what's going on in our neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Otto

