

# **Tuscany Homeowners Association General Meeting Minutes July 23, 2022 @ Tuscany Linear Park**

## **2022 Tuscany Homeowners Association Officers:**

President – Mark Ricard 690-9998; ricardma2@yahoo.com.com

Treasurer – Daniella Jackson 504-722-5115; TuscanyEstatesHOATreasurer@outlook.com

Secretary – Dede Ricard 504-458-5694; ricarddede@yahoo.com

## *Architectural Control Committee members:*

Michael “Hitch” Combe 281-685-1052; mcombe@gmail.com

Chick McCloskey 641-4511; stmccloskey@att.net

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Website: <http://tuscanyestates.net/>

## **Call to Order**

Board President Mark Ricard called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. 19 homeowners were in attendance.

Mark asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was made by Randy Gonzales and seconded by Alison Cuevas. All in attendance approved the motion.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

- Problem with records of payment of 2022 dues – Daniella explained that she didn’t take over until May due to the bank requiring the HOA file new Articles of Incorporation and she had a surgery in April. She believes she has now reconciled all accounts and there are still 6-7 unpaid dues.
- Our current balance is \$12,067 with \$265.24 paid in May and just about \$4,000 in June. June expenses were higher due to new camera system and landscaping to replace the dead Indian Hawthorne bushes at the front entrance.
- Daniella’s email address is [TuscanyEstatesHOATreasurer@Outlook.com](mailto:TuscanyEstatesHOATreasurer@Outlook.com). She can accept text messages on her cellphone, but please provide your name and address and she’ll add you to her contacts. She doesn’t answer phone calls from unknown numbers. The current financial statement is included with these minutes.

## **Architectural Control Committee Report**

- Address numbers on mailboxes – Chick McCloskey reported that 17 mailboxes were missing numbers and we’re now down to just 5 missing 1 or 2 numbers.
- Cloudy windows continue to be an issue in the neighborhood, with 5-6 homes having them at the front of the house.
- Fence falling into neighbor’s yard

The new covenants allow fines to be incurred for repeated or unresolved infractions. These fines haven’t yet been enforced, and another grace period is being given for mailbox numbers, but homeowners with cloudy windows that haven’t been repaired will be fined. Included with these minutes are options from Mark Ricard and vendors.

## Old Business

- Drainage work is complete – there are all new culverts on Napa Valley Way and at Palermo and Naples Court. The Parish says the project is complete and no other ditch digging is planned.
- Painting Wall & Pergola – option #2 won - Natural Tan w/ Morris Room Grey. The repaint is complete and feedback has been positive, but the suggestion to paint the interior of the word Tuscany at the entrance sign also passed. The Sign Committee will handle getting that done.
- Mark is still looking for a maintenance person to handle small jobs around the neighborhood in place of he, Chick McCloskey and Don Andre handling the work. He mentioned for example that the three of them had propped up the trees that were knocked over during Hurricane Ida, in lieu of replacing them as advised by the landscape company, and the trees were now thriving. But these guys are getting too old and there's too much liability for volunteers. If you have suggestions of any handymen, please forward to Mark.

## New Business

- Surveys for future installation of culverts – 15 neighbors are interested in having culverts put in their front ditches. Surveys and plans have been paid for and there's no commitment as to when the job has to be completed. The cost was \$654 each vs. \$1500 quoted from JV Burkes.
- The final meeting of the year will be on Saturday, October ~~15~~<sup>22</sup>. Elections for 2023 Officers will take place and all offices are available. We can take nominations via email. We will also vote on dues for 2023 at this meeting. Mark stated there are still trees in the linear park that need work at an estimated cost of \$3-5,000. Dede mentioned that although dead bushes had been replaced, there may still be other plants that have to be replaced. Our new landscape company is Estate Maintenance and they're doing a better job on gardens and grass than the previous company. Alaynna King is the point person is anyone has questions or suggestions.
- Ideas for future socials?
  - Dede asked for suggestions for a Christmas dinner. Previous locations have been Fatty's Seafood, Joe's Italian, Nathan's, Assunta's.
  - Alison Cuevas said that her home would be included in Slidell Auxiliary's Christmas Tour of Homes and more homes are needed. Date is Sunday, December 10. Tickets are for sale.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gonzales to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jacalyn Epperson. All in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Minutes submitted by Dede Ricard, July 31, 2022. Correction to next meeting date made 8/17/22.