Gardens of the Rio Grande Homeowners Association Board Meeting 6 May 2019

**Agenda**

Call to order; Establish Quorum; Approve April Minutes

Treasurer’s Report

Landscape Committee Report

Member Issues/Other

Overdue HOA Dues

Complete Street Ordinance Request From American Heart Association

Board Member email address clarification

Tree trimming and Landscape Maintenance Issues

Other

Adjourn

Board Members Attending: Kim Fusselman, Gil Clarke, Jerry Simon, Marilyn Showalter, Chris Bigge

Residents Attending: Dave Herstedt, Landscape Committee; Steve Fusselman

***New Residents are:***

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April 2019 Board Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Gil Clarke spoke with all residents whose quarterly dues were late. With the exception of one resident dues from the 1st quarter, the dues are in good shape. Late fees of $25 are applied for each month that dues have not been paid.

Notice of 3rd Quarter dues will be sent near the 1st of June. Reminder to all residents: dues may be paid in advance for the year.

**Landscape Committee Report**

Weekly duties were performed: remove weeds, remove debris (many elm seeds), cut grass (4th this season), grease entrance gates, thatch grass in Common areas, compost plants, water manually during March, apply Scotts Weed and Feed (April 5), careful Spot spraying.

Preemergent Pendulum was sprayed on Rock areas; Sprinkler and Drip Systems were evaluated and repaired (a diagram of N/S Common area sprinkler fixes is being generated to record fix times); a Sunburst Honey Locust was planted on Laguna Seca; the Table was installed in the Postage Stamp (thanks to Marilyn Showalter) and the area was refreshed. There was a small pile of flagstone removed that could find an alternative use.

**Note of Safety: *Children should not play on top of the table in the Postage Stamp. The table top could topple and cause serious injury.***

**Member Issues/Other**

* A hot air balloon landed in the South Commons on May 6. Gil Clarke talked with the pilot that this was private association and obtained their ID. A serious concern is potential damage to the irrigation system by the retrieval team. Dave and Amado checked for any damage to the system.
* Nico Dayan has plans for an outdoor kitchen on his patio. Board will consider for approval once final plans are presented. Nico removed some concrete and poured new.
* Marilyn noted some concrete damage on Cilantro and suggested Concrete caulking rather than Gorilla Glue (yellows). **Note:** *Homeowners are responsible for maintenance of sidewalks in front of their property.*
* The Equipment Shed on the Southeast corner of the South Common was discussed. There is concern that varmints may be burrowing under the shed. New members on the Board were surprised that the shed does not belong to the Association as it is located on Community Property. Issues will be discussed with the owners.
* Proposed that the Manhattan (and Mountain) Gate have lighting installed to improve safety. Reflective tape will be placed on the entrance gates so that residents have a sense of if the gate is opening.
* A visiting bicyclist lifted his bicycle over Shirley’s private fence adjacent to the Manhattan Gate to leave the grounds. He did not have the code to use the exit. Help your guests!
* Gil reported that the Gas Station on Central by McDonald’s sold. A new Gas/Liquor store is proposed. Econolodge is expanding their parking lot and proposed to close off the street as there are transients and needles have been observed.

**Landscape Maintenance Policy June 2016**

Weeds are an unsightly problem at several residents within the Community. Removal of weeds and upkeep of landscaping are the responsibility of each resident. Use of ***Roundup*** should be limited due to recent lawsuits and health concerns with its use. Safe removal of weeds is best accomplished manually. ***If weeds are not removed, notice will be sent to owners to facilitate removal.***

Foxtails (very bad for pets) have been observed on the east side of Aloysia and in the North Common. Every effort should be expended to rid our properties of foxtail.

**Adjourn**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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