**Gardens of the Rio Grande Homeowners Association Board Meeting** 4 August 2019

**Agenda**

Call to order; Establish Quorum; Approve July Minutes

Treasurer’s Report

Landscape Committee Report

Gate Replacement: Continue Discussion

Member Dues in arrears: Actions to be taken

Member Issues: South Common reservation request; National Night Out

Adjourn

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

***Reminder to all dog owners: All dog waste is the responsibility of the owner and it is “Mandatory” that it be cleaned up. The North Common contains significant evidence that the Mandatory Clean up is not being observed.***

**Treasurer’s Report (Jerry Simon)**

Dr. Timothy Ross reviewed and inspected the financial records of the HOA for 2018. The full report is attached to the minutes.

* All balances, amounts of income and expenses were verified.
* HOA assets increased > $11,000 as budgeted costs to maintain roads did not occur in 2018.
* There was one discrepancy between checks written and invoice dates that apparently was a simply the placement of the invoice into March rather than January.

**Landscape Report (Dave Herstedt)**

The question was raised if the (stolen) Knox Box at the Manhattan Gate has been replaced, or when it will be replaced.

* All landscaping duties were completed as required during this reporting period. Tree of Heaven was removed from the South Common.
* Aaron Dixon, owner of Gate-It Access will do a price out (estimate) for gate replacement. The estimate should be complete w/in the next 2 weeks. The purpose for this estimate request is for long term planning as our HOA gates have lived longer than the 15 year life expectancy. The inbound gate at Manhattan has sustained significant damage by motor vehicles more than once. About 3 years ago, a group of residents removed that gate, used a Ford F250 truck to drive over the gate, and the gate was thereby straighten out. As discussed last meeting, our gate experts indicate a much improved gate system is now available for future consideration.
* The entranceway project to the SCA will resume after the project at 2800 Aloysia is completed.
* Protective stanchion installation for the HOA fire hydrants is current being researched.

The opinion of the Board is that the Mountain and Manhattan Gates are traffic control devices and not actually security gates. There are multiple sites that can be accessed by an intruder with motivation. Estimates for Gate replacement will be obtained. The Security Committee should convene to discuss Gate issues and make recommendations to the Board.

No decision on Gate replacement has been made. If the Board recommends Gate replacement, the full Community shall be charged for any decision.

**Member Dues:** Face to face conversations will precede any formal actions with respect to dues in arrears.

The request for a reservation of the South Commons is approved.

The National Night Out ice cream gathering at the Postage Stamp, postponed due to thunder and rain; was held on Saturday, August 10.

**Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

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