

## **Spicewood at Bull Creek Homeowners' Association Quarterly Meeting**

**May 15, 2019**

The quarterly meeting was called to order by President Nick Sisak at the Balcones Country Club at 7:20 p.m. In attendance were Nick Sisak, Dan Sieczkowski, Brian Schlosser, and Karen Kolar.

Minutes from the February 13, 2019, quarterly meeting were presented and approved without edit.

Dan Sieczkowski presented the Treasurer's Report/Financial Summary for 2019 year-to-date. There have been two house sales so far, and it is anticipated there may be six more this year. Collection of HOA dues and fees is about average for this time of year. However, one residence accounts for about \$300 of the unpaid dues, the result of ownership transfers within the family. The HOA has made a donation of \$200 to Project Graduation at Westwood High School and has already received a thank you note in response. Tax returns have been filed to fulfill both State and Federal requirements.

While monies have been set aside for a neighborhood social activity, the HOA needs a resident or a team of residents to help design and put on this activity. The activity would include a catered meal and games for children.

The existing entrance sign is deteriorating after over 30 years standing in Texas weather. Because the surface has cracked and fallen off in some places, the structural rebar has gotten wet and is rusting, thus causing further deterioration. Nick Sisak has investigated both repairing the sign, which is assessed to be irreparable, and acquiring a new sign. Southwest Monument and Sign has presented three different options for a new sign: cast stone (concrete), rock slab, and Corten Steel. After lengthy and thorough discussion, the board voted to move forward with a new sign of cast stone. The sign company has an existing form of approximately the same size as our existing sign. Using it would be cost effective, as a new form would not have to be designed, and it would also expedite installation. The cost of removing the old sign and creating and installing a new sign is approximately \$12,500 including \$3,500 for demolition and disposal of the old sign..

The entrance planting area in front of the sign has been cleaned up by Texan Landscape and Irrigation, which will perform additional maintenance, as needed. Additional plants will be installed after the existing entrance sign is removed and replaced.

The unattractive area across Pickfair Drive from the entrance sign continues to cause concern. Additional efforts to contact the City of Austin Water Department and the City councilperson to clean up the area and perhaps dismantle the shed will be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2019.

Submitted, Karen Kolar, Asst. Secretary, May 16, 2019