

USELESS BAY COLONY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING via ZOOM
10 September 2020

President Donckers called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This was conducted via ZOOM due to the corona virus pandemic, and the social distancing now required.

Present were Kathleen Conroy, Ron Donckers, Chuck Edwards, Susanne Hollyfield, and Thad McArthur.

Absent were Lailla Peterson, Curtis Pierce, and David Scurlock.

A quorum of five or more was present.

MINUTES – Hollyfield– The July minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Edwards – We have \$532K in cash. The balance sheet is in good shape. There were four transfers this month. About eight members are overdue in payment of dues.

Motion passed to pay \$6,428.85 in payables. Motion (Hollyfield, Conroy) passed to approve the financial report.

ARCHITECTURE – McArthur reported. A tree view issue was discussed, regarding large evergreen trees on a community lot. These are not on Colony Property. McArthur filled in details. These trees were planted to stabilize a slope more than two decades ago, and are now large and blocking view. The trees were topped at one time, grew again, but had been scheduled to come out tomorrow, he said.

Conroy discussed legitimate reasons to take out trees, and was concerned about the numerous requests in the last two years for reasons not concerned with safety or accommodation to preserve this living asset. Section 18 of Master Plan might be reviewed and perhaps modified, she noted. No decision was made about this revision, so this was tabled pending more input.

Another resident is in conflict re another tree. The owner will be responsible for solving this, ideally, but in reality, they are in a stalemate.

Edwards emphasized the view restrictions are laid out in the Master Plan.

ROADS – Dockers – Shore Avenue – Striping has been done on speed bumps. Blue markers in the street for fire hydrants soon will be replaced.

MAINTENANCE, POOL, TENNIS, EXERCISE – Edwards – The pool is having a very good year and will remain open until the end of September. Maintenance (right-of-way) continues to be a headache due to contractor scarcity.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH – Welcome Wagon – Conroy – She is knocking on doors again with her mask on. She wants to know how new members may join a Board meeting in the Zoom format. She suggested a redesign of the tote bag, and maybe offering other products like a vest or cap to match, all branded gear.

OLD BUSINESS –

Deer Lagoon Road/Non-Motorized Public Trails – Donckers – Not much action on this lately. Although the Oakes letter went out, there has been no response from anyone, including commissioners. Conroy said that things have quieted down re traffic through Division 15. The gate is now closed, but signage and other measures are helping, hopefully, to reduce trespassers.

Memorial Page on Website – Still to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS –

Tree planting – Tabled for now, the idea of planting a new tree when one is taken down.

Establishment of Committee to suggest nominees to Board positions – This was discussed as a vital improvement in finding residents to help with Board business. This discussion will continue as present members give this a great deal of thought.

Parking on Colony Right-of-Way – There are several vehicles currently parking for an extended period of time on the right-of-way. This mainly concerns actions by residents, who use the Colony right-of-way as a storage space for their extra vehicle. It was suggested that the owners be contacted as this situation is covered by our Master Plan.

Bayview Beach Gardens – There are four homes on the lagoon side that are Colony members, per verbal agreement with Bill Sievers many years ago.

ANNUAL MEETING – Cancelled due to pandemic - Preparations for mailing in a few months are underway. Three Board members are up for re-election, plus Colony issues. There will be input from the Water Board. Summaries of the past year will be included from committee heads.

The next Board meeting will be **Thursday, 8 October, 7 pm**, on ZOOM.

There being no more business, this meeting was adjourned (Hollyfield, Conroy).

Susanne Hollyfield, Secretary