

GROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2024

Minutes were not approved due to the fact that the minutes were not completed.

Quick recap

The team discussed various issues including the malfunctioning fountains, the financial status of the organization, and an upcoming increase in the Beekman Place Association's dues. They also addressed problems with the irrigation system, parking rules, and the need for a new landscaping company. Additionally, the team planned for a yard sale and a community block party, and considered creating an email newsletter to keep residents updated on neighborhood activities.

Next steps

- Richard will recreate the minutes for the annual meeting and post them on the website before the next meeting.
 - Carol will give the financial report, including the balance of the operating checking account, investment accounts, and the transfer of funds to the emergency reserve account. *The Treasurer provided a Balance Sheet report on December 12, 2024 to disclose pertinent financial details for monthly minutes from March to October, 2024 that were provided by former President Rick Waid prior to his formal resignation on November 29, 2024 that did not include details. The March statement showed a balance in the operating checking account is \$9,526.52 and \$162,886.61 in Investment accounts for a total of \$172,413.13 in checking and investment accounts. Receivables of -\$6565.71 and no details were provided in the Treasurer's information that accounts for the details of the Receivables. No information was provided for the monthly expenses.*
 - Carol will organize a yard sale on May 18th and a community block party on November 2nd.
 - Carol will create a newsletter to update the community on the board's activities and seek advertising revenue.
 - Tom will arrange for a new expansion tank and controller for the irrigation system, and ensure the pressure switch is replaced.
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Summary

Fountain Repairs and Passover Plans

Thomas informed the team that he had turned off two malfunctioning fountains on the pond, intending to have them cleaned by Aquagenix. Richard then asked Thomas to inform Dan about the situation. The team discussed the upcoming Passover holiday, with Richard expressing hope that Carol, who had notes from the annual meeting, would be available to share them. Richard also mentioned his hope that the system was generating a summary of the meeting for future convenience.

Organization Finances and Rejuvenation Project

Carol reported the organization's financial status, highlighting a balance of \$9,484.58 in the operating checking account and total investments of \$1,723,719.61. She also noted that \$6,396.50 was transferred to the emergency reserve account and \$1,100 was paid towards monthly operating expenses. There were some outstanding receivables, and 17 owners were late on their payments. Richard proposed the approval of the Finance Committee report, and Stephen agreed to act as secretary to sign the final document related to the rejuvenation project. Lastly, Stephen mentioned an upcoming replacement of asphalt shingles on a roof.

Beekman Place Association Dues Increase and Pond Plantings

Richard, Carol, Thomas, and Stephen discussed a forthcoming increase in the Beekman Place Association's dues in 2025 to fund a reserve for future expenses, including a potential road replacement. Thomas indicated that the Association needed to inform its residents about this pending increase. They also approved a budget of under \$2,200 for pond plantings by Aquagenix, with the plants being funded by the Start Organization and Sarasota County. The motion was seconded by Richard and carried unopposed, and Thomas requested that Dan be informed to initiate the project with Aquagenix.

Addressing Irrigation System Issues With Truscage

Thomas reported on the ongoing issues with the irrigation system at the roundabout entrance and the lack of service from Truscage, the current landscaping and irrigation company. The board discussed the high cost of Truscage's services and the poor quality of their work, with Thomas suggesting the need for a new maintenance company. Carol proposed getting a bid from Tenderleaf, another landscaping company, to compare with Truscage's. Richard agreed, suggesting that improving communication with Truscage might also help to resolve the issues.

Rain Sensors, Audit, and Parking Rules

The board agreed to the installation of rain sensors in the irrigation system at a cost of \$300 each, as proposed by Richard. They also discussed the need for an independent audit of their finances. The group addressed concerns about parking rules and clarified that parking on landscaping is generally not allowed. They encouraged residents to park in their driveways or behind cars in their driveways if there wasn't enough room on the street. The requirements for adding a third stub for a driveway were also discussed, with concrete or pavers being considered suitable options.

Addressing Grass Parking and Board Engagement

There was a discussion about the recurring issue of cars being parked on the grass in the neighborhood, with Thomas presenting three incidents in the past six months. Richard and Thomas pointed out that there had been more than three instances, leading to a consensus that the board needed to clarify the rules and address the issue. Tara's expressed her frustration over being threatened for not volunteering enough time or

attending board meetings, while defending her actions regarding a car parked on her grass. The group agreed on the principle of not parking on the grass to maintain a cleaner and more organized neighborhood, with Stephen clarifying that no fines would be given at this time.

Organizing Yard Sale and Block Party

Carol, Richard, Stephen, and Samuel discussed organizing a yard sale and a community block party. The yard sale, initially proposed by Carol, was scheduled for May 18th. The block party, suggested by Carol and Stephen, was planned for the first weekend in November, with November 2nd agreed upon as the date. The budget for the yard sale and the need for volunteers for both events were also discussed.

Email Newsletter and Community Collaboration

Carol proposed creating an email newsletter to update the group on recent activities like approving a new roof, installing flagpoles, and upcoming landscaping projects. She suggested including advertisements from independent contractors like electricians to help cover printing and mailing costs. Stephen offered to look for old newsletter templates, and the group agreed this was a good idea. Tom mentioned a neighboring community wanted to meet about collaborating, which Carol said they deliberately avoided for their neighborhood yard sale. Instead, the newsletter could help get more residents involved. After the meeting, Tom asked to speak privately with Richard.

The meeting was adjourned by vote of the attending board members.