Hamlets Grove Homeowners Association Board Meeting 6.15.21 Start Time: 7:05

Board Members in Attendance: via Zoom Meeting

* Rick Waid, President rick@richardscottwaid.com
* Denise Leschinski, Vice President captainden@aol.com
* Lucy Ford, Secretary lucyblue1956@aol.com
* Anna Azmi serbi410@yahoo.com
* Eric Taylor eric@realestatesarasota.biz
* Steve Carroll carroll.sg@verizon.net
* Pam McDonald ourbluecat2@comcast.net

Officers in Attendance

* Len Schimberg ldschimberg@gmail.com

Guest Speaker in Attendance

* Deputy Hicks with the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office
* In our ongoing pursuit of collecting data regarding neighborhood security, we invited Officer Hicks to attend our meeting to share her thoughts on crime prevention. She started off her discussion with sharing statistics on service calls over the last 60 days for our general vicinity. Overall, our stats are low in comparison to other communities within Sarasota. For anyone interested in monitoring the statistics, you can do so by going to the website: <https://www.sarasotasheriff.org> ----Programs & Services --- Crime Prevention.

She also shared information on services that the Sheriff’s Department offers:

* Seniors Vs Crime – The Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office works proactively with community groups to address the needs of seniors. They are looking for volunteers to assist with this service. If interested, please email sarasota@svcproject.org
* HOT – Homeless Outreach Team – work towards addressing the issue of homelessness by providing resources, contact, and/or housing. The team receives referrals from the community and patrol deputies. You can contact the Homeless Outreach Team at HOT@sarasotasheriff.org.
* Alarm Forms – if your home has a security system, it must be registered with the Sheriff’s Office. You can access their website to download the necessary form and then email back to them at: crimeprevention@sarasotasheriff.org.
* Citizens Patrol/Neighborhood Watch – you can obtain information about both of these services by visiting the website. Deputy Hicks recommended that we look into the Neighborhood Watch program for our community.

Lastly, for all non-emergency calls, the number to call is 941-316-1201.

**Agenda Items**

* First order of business – Meeting called to order at 7:05
* Guest Speaker Deputy Hicks
* Motion made and approved to approve Minutes from Last meeting
* **Budget Review by Treasurer** – as of 5/31/21
	+ Motion made to approve budget as of 5/31/21
	+ Receivables Status: 4 people late on dues by 1 QTR (as of our meeting)
		- Process for Late Receivables:
			* First Step – Len sends out statements showing their Past Due Status
			* After 2 QTRs Delinquency – they receive formal letter
	+ Expenditure Status: No significant expenditures to report on
* **Landscaping**
	+ Drain Issues by #4655 – “Report” from the company (minimal as it was) has been received. This issue is now closed.
* **Fountains/Ponds**
	+ Fountain Behind #4502 HGD – fountain has been placed in the pond. The last step in the process is to tie into the transformer. This is scheduled to be completed on July 2nd.
	+ Plastic drain tiles (sand filters) – this report is as of the following week after our HOA Meeting. Anna provided an update from Solitude Lake Management. They came out and observed the sand filters and said they were placed there to help with erosion; however, those types of sand filters are no longer used. They recommend Sox which is a mesh material that is anchored to the shoreline and is filled with dredged sediment from the lake. The mesh material will allow grass to grow on the shoreline. They measured the area and will be providing an estimate for the Sox.
* **Neighborhood Security**
	+ Gates and/or Cameras – the current quote for installation of a barrier arm at both entrances is approximately $45K. After a very heated discussion among Board Members, it was decided that we will survey the residents to gauge interest in moving forward with Gates and/or Cameras.

**Action Item in Motion –** Lucy drafted an email and email has been sent out to all homeowners that have provided an email address (85). Votes will be tallied which will help us to determine if we move forward with this investment.

* **New Signs for Neighborhood**
	+ Signs have been ordered. We may also order new bulletin boards

**Open Action Item –** Anna will send out pictures of possible replacements for the bulletin boards

* **Homeowner Requests/Complaints**
	+ The board received a request for an unscheduled Garage Sale on the weekend of 6/19. As all garage sales were temporarily suspended during Covid, we granted the request. We also scheduled the next Community Garage Sale for October 22nd and 23rd.

**Open Action Item –** Anna will post on bulletin boards and Lucy will post on website

* + Home at #4898 – homeowners have made complaints regarding the oak trees that hang over their home. These are the same oak trees that the HOA recently paid an arborist company to come out and trim the trees. While they do drop leaves and debris onto their roof and yard, it is the responsibility of the homeowners to address. However, we will speak with our Landscaping company about raking up leaves and debris that falls on the sidewalk side

**Closed Action Item –** Eric spoke to Landscaping company

* **Violations**
	+ No reported violations
* **New Business**
	+ At last month’s meeting, Eric informed us that The Master Association is pursuing the idea of hiring a Management Company to provide services as they relate to their HOA. Our board had questions about the services that they would be providing and costs associated with those services. At this meeting, we learned that The Master Association Board approved the hiring of the Management Company. Going forward, Master Association Items will be included in our Meeting Agenda.

**Open Action Item –** Eric and/or Rick to request a copy of the contract for our review

* + Reminder Signs for our monthly HOA meetings – a suggestion has been made to put up “reminder signs” a few days prior to our HOA meetings in the hopes of garnering better attendance.

**Open Action Item –** Eric will get a quote for (2) signs

* + ARB Requests – it was brought up that sometimes ARB requests are not handled in a timely manner.

**Open Action Item –** Steve offered to put a process in place for handling ARB Requests

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 20th 7:00 PM EST (Board determined this will be via Zoom)