

Saturday January 29, 2022

Stone Creek Neighbors
2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Officer Attendance:

Mathew Samuel _____

Dan Davidson _____

Scott Ares _____

Additional Attendees: Christy Brawand, Alex Chacko, Thomas Zachariah, Sandy Warren, Thadathil Varughese, Alyson Shahwan & Ruthie Davidson (8 homes represented)

Topics of Discussion:

Welcome / Introductions / Prayer – Mathew Samuel

Introduced the current Officers and Alyson Shahwan as President elect. He opened meeting with prayer and bid farewell as he will be retiring as President of Stone Creek Neighbors.

Financial Report – Dan Davidson

Financial numbers were provided with actual vs. budgeted amounts. Membership donations were about \$1700.00 lower than budgeted. Expenses for security cameras were \$0 since cameras have not been purchased yet. Sprinkler repairs were higher than budgeted due to a main valve replacement. NHN expenses are less than budgeted since COVID and harsh February weather has not allowed this activity to take off yet. The \$1000.00 expected donation to the north border project has not been made since the project was delayed. Overall, we had \$4600.00 less expenses than budgeted. We plan to spend some of the excess income received last year for projects in the 2022 budget.

North Border project – Dan Davidson

This project was estimated to cost around \$20,000.00 for wooden fencing about 5 or 6 years ago. The cost is expected to be much higher now. Mathew proposed spending some of the \$10,000.00 reserve to work on the North Border project. Those reserves were set aside to handle emergency situations like law suits and brick wall repair if sections have to be replaced.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Dan Davidson

Made a call out for a committee to come up with viable projects for the group. We also need members willing to participate in those projects. March is recovering from health issues and we are unsure of his involvement for the upcoming year.

Cameras – Scott Ares

Since license plate recognition cameras are too expensive, we are focusing on scene high resolution cameras to deter crime. The cameras will still be focused on cars at the entrances. We hope they will provide enough information to help police investigate crime. These cameras have a much lower cost. Initial purchase of \$1200.00 with ongoing cloud costs of \$650.00 per year. There would be additional expenses for erecting poles to mount the cameras and running electricity to them. Scott will follow up on those cost estimates.

90/10 Sidewalk grant program – Scott Ares

Notices were placed on the doors of homes that have the best potential to use this program. Homeowners having sidewalks with a tripping hazard of 1 1/2 " or more are encouraged to apply online for city assistance. The city will inspect the sidewalk and make an evaluation as to whether the sidewalk meets the requirements. If it does, the homeowner will get a letter from the city with an estimate of the repairs. The homeowner's responsibility is only 10% of the total estimate and has the option to make the repairs or not.

Flag Poles – Scott Ares

A member made a suggestion to mount flag poles at the entrances. We determined that mounted flag poles with appropriate lighting are currently too expensive. We also considered less expensive telescoping flag poles but, due to maintenance of the telescoping mechanisms and theft potential, we decided not to pursue that option either. We did agree to have multiple small flags on sticks placed at the entrances for about a week at a time for special holidays. The holiday list is still being reviewed and we expect to support 4-5 holidays each year.

Elections – Mathew Samuel

Since Mathew was stepping down as President, Alyson Shahwan agreed to run for President. The remaining officers agreed to rerun for the following year. The proposed offices were unanimously elected for 2022.

President – Alyson Shahwan

Vice-President – David Brawand

Treasurer – Dan Davidson

Secretary – Scott Ares

Vision for 2022 – Alyson Shahwan / Mathew Samuel

Newly elected Alyson welcomed everyone and is ready to face the new year by helping complete some unfinished projects. Mathew encouraged the group to continue with the welcoming committee and complete the north border project.

New business – Scott Ares

The officers are hoping to bring back the fall block party and also add a spring block party with games in a new park area between Creek Bend and the high school.