Sierra Association – 2022 Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday April 12th 2022

Start: 7:00 pm

End: 8:10 pm

Attendees:

Current Board Members: Dan Viessman, Kevin Bowman, Shane Dore, Scott White

New elected Board Members: Cody Cox, Jenna Schultz, John Broughton

Residents: Mitch and Melanie Elvabak, Jessica Nelson, Gary Nordick, Tracy Marten

Management Company: Mindy Notch

Activities:

1. Introduction of Board Members and shared election results
    a. Returning: Dan Viessman and Kevin Bowman
    b. Elected: Cody Cox, Jenna Schultz, and John Broughton
    c. Acknowledged Shane Dore, Scott White, Earl Morren, and Sandy Haus for their service
2. Overview of 2021 Activities
    a. Dues remained the same as 2020 at $140 per house annually
    b. Annual meeting occurred virtually in April 2021
    c. Picnic was canceled due to COVID-19
    d. Completion of Swing Set area drainage project – spent less than planned and seems to be holding up well during the spring snow melt.
    e. Repaired playground tunnel and replaced bubble
    f. Irrigation system repair and maintenance
    g. Various mailbox replacements due to vehicular and snow plow accidents
    h. Multiple incidents of vandalism of Sierra Common Elements – playground and lighthouse
3. Financial report
    a. Reviewed current Cash Balance
    b. Reviewed 2021 actuals vs budget
    c. Reviewed planned 2022 budget
        i. Dan Viessman led discussion on dues increase and the goal of creating a capital improvement fund to be used on a playground replacement. There was a broad discussion on the various strategies of upgrading the park and/or reaching out to the city about taking over the park. This discussion was tabled as something the new board would need to discuss before moving forward with any concrete plans.
4. Plans for 2022
    a. Annual picnic back and scheduled for July 14th 2022
    b. Maintenance/Improvements:
        i. Looking at ways to improve irrigation system

ii. Repair/Replace Basketball Hoop (cracked backboard)
iii. Seal Coat all asphalt surfaces and edge sidewalks throughout mowing season
iv. Stain playground structure, benches, and garbage structure
v. Trim trees at the park, fill in dirt settlement by swing set, add mulch
vi. Replace/Refresh the "No Dogs" signs at the park
vii. Refresh Monument – paint door / clean

c. Sierra Association Declaration proposed Amendments
    i. Board acknowledged this is close to going out to vote
    ii. Discussion on enforcing current rules. Board acknowledged they catch what they can but also request the neighbors notify the board when they see potential violations.
d. Planned review of Sierra Association governing documents for potential refresh

5. Open Discussion
    a. Earl Morren brought up the concept of postage savings through Franklin Stamps. The board will inquire on this topic with the post office.
    b. Vera Wong raised concerns about the environment footprint around the ponds
    c. Gary Nordick noted the mess of trees and debris left by the new development adjacent to Sierra. The board has a previous inquiry into the city on this issue and will follow-up.
    d. Melanie Elvabak requested a review of the weed control in our maintenance contract as the weed infringement into their yard from the common ground has been increasing the last couple years. Management company will connect with Beniek.
    e. Vera Wong informed the group about the dumping of ward waste in the common area around the pond on Silver Street. The board will continue to look into ways to improve overall communication with this in mind.
    f. Melanie Elvabak noted the building of tree forts in the common area by the lighthouse
    g. Group discussion on the garbages at the park and the current strategy of a seasonal hold. The board will weigh options before the next winter.