

SNEE FARM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2014 – Snee Farm Country Club – 6:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

Jackie Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jackie Walker, Dottie Teetor, Dorothy Clinton, Mario Rasgo, Don Campbell, Brian Eanes, Margaret Passailaigue. Absent: Barney Lynch, Ed Hutson

Others Present: Debbie Rogers, A+ Property Management
Michael Hart, Restrictions Compliance
Jerry Barnett, Security

Minutes Approval - Sept. 2, 2014 Directors Regular Monthly Meeting was approved electronically.

Invited Guest - Carmichael Company, LLC, Rob Carmichael, Owner

Rob spoke to the Board about the work being done to control weeds and vegetation in the lake system. He explained that the summer drought and rain volume contributed to the spread of the unwanted plants – alligator weed is a huge problem in these climate conditions. Ponds are maintained up to the water line. He explained that it was difficult to spray herbicides from land to effectively reach all of the affected area – most must be done by boat.

Jackie commented that we have a long and good history with Rob regarding his expertise and management of our lake system. Rob appreciates input from homeowners and he will honor requests if the issues are within the scope of the work he is contracted to do – otherwise, the matter will be presented and reviewed by the Board.

Rob also explained that the carp have continued to do a good job and that the cost of the fish helps mitigate the cost of the chemicals. Jackie asked that he soon calculate the estimated replacement number/cost of carp needed for the coming year, and any other issues the Board needs to consider for the impending budget planning. The Board thanked him for his dedication and good work in doing this important job for the Foundation.

President's Comments

Thanks to all who participated in making the Annual Meeting a success – including the Members, Mike Ashton for enabling use of the space at no cost - and the staff for their various efforts to ensure the set-up was to the specifications needed. As well, the volunteers who helped at the Meeting - Jerry Barnett, wherever needed as usual, and those who made registration a smooth process: Diana Barnett, Carmela Baty, Mary Diesen, Dottie Teetor, Jessica Dunn, and my daughter Leslie Cowell who also took the minutes for Dorothy. Also, A-Plus PM available to handle any account business if necessary for members to participate in the Meeting and Election.

The new Board met on Sept. 30 at the Club to determine their roles which begin tonight:

Officers President, Jackie Walker – Vice-President, Brian Eanes – Treasurer, Margaret Passailaigue – Secretary, Dorothy Clinton

The President and Vice-President will be involved in or kept abreast of all business:

Committees

Restrictions Chair, Don Campbell, Jackie Walker
Finance Chair, Margaret Passailaigue, Brian Eanes, Mario Rasgo, John Wood as needed
Maintenance Chair, Barney Lynch, Jerry Barnett, Ed Hutson
Landscape Chair, Dottie Teetor, Margaret Passailaigue
Security Chair, Jerry Barnett, Ed Hutson
Architectural Control Chair, Jackie Walker, Chair – Dottie Teetor, Dorothy Clinton
Communications Chair, Mario Rasgo – Brian Eanes

All roles are subject to change, at the discretion of the Board to include adding additional committee members if needed to ensure that we are utilizing the experience and skills available to the best use of the Board in carrying out its duties.

Election Results

Jackie reported from the written report of McCay, Kiddy and Associates, LLC – Certified Public Accountants. Results of the election for board members of the Snee Farm Community Foundation held on September 25, 2014 are as follows: Ed Hutson received 115 votes, Don Campbell received 115 votes, Brian Eanes received 115 votes and Mario Rasgo received 116 votes. In total 83 absentee ballots were cast and 36 were cast during the Annual Meeting.

Only one ballot per lot was completed and each Foundation member was in good standing. Therefore, Ed Hutson has been elected to the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of B. Crowther expiring in 2016, and Don Campbell, Brian Eanes, and Mario Rasgo have been elected for the three year terms expiring September 2017.

Restrictions

Don Campbell reported that 55 letters for fines, and 56 reminder letters were mailed. The majority concerned garbage, trash, and recycle issues.

Finance

A-Plus PM (Debbie) reported that 20 letters and statements were mailed. Sufficient time was used for their role in preparation for the Annual Meeting. In September, she collected \$5,400 of which \$1,000 was for violations. October (to date) she has collected \$560 for various accounts.

Upon request, copies of the financial statements are available to our property owners only.

Maintenance

Jerry reported for Barney – The Barnetts cleaned/painted and positioned the remaining 18 wood road signs at a uniform 6' height which completes this Project and is a great aesthetic improvement. Also, the alligator signs have been washed and repainted. Thanks to Jerry & Dianna for doing a great job!

We will begin evaluating the street sign needs to plan for work needed in the coming year. This will ensure that they continually look good and can be easily seen at any time of day/night.

The streetlamp at 918 Casseque Province still has yellow tape around it. SCE&G will complete the repairs when the construction/landscaping at that location is finished.

Honeysuckle Court and Middleton Court in the Gardens are the only locations left that need the mailboxes replaced – Jerry stated that this will soon be completed.

Landscape

Dottie reported that the Ashcrafts have completed the regular maintenance, and hopefully the final Eleagnus pruning for the year. They removed diseased plants at Austin Square and the New Charlestowne bed at the brick entrance column on Loyalist Ln.

The Gardens Islands Project is nearing completion – in addition to the new mailbox posts, hardscape and benches, it entailed flush cutting large stumps, removal of a Sago Palm, Juniper, Asiatic Jasmine, and large breeze grasses. Some areas required grading. The grasses will soon be replanted and pine straw laid. Pending approval, Phase 2 will be the addition of some new plant material.

Met with T. Boals to discuss the street lamp tree trimming that is needed throughout Snee Farm. Ed Hutson donated his time for a complete mapping of all street lamps with notes regarding needed trimming, repairs, etc. This is a large and much needed project.

Security

Jerry reported that things have been quiet since the Annual Meeting. He stated that any threats made to Board Members should be reported to the police so a written report can be filed. He also reminded to not go on someone's property unless invited.

Architectural Control

Jackie reported that the work continues to be consistent with the typical business as well as significant improvements.

Communications

Mario reported that two email blasts have been created:

1. Mount Pleasant Waterworks - Hydrant flushing by MP Fire Department during the month of October. Send date week of 10/6.
2. "Gregg Tract" New Development Plan Presentation Reminder – SFCC, Oct. 16 at 6:30. Send date 10/12.

He exported his current email list to A-Plus to determine the property owners whose e-addresses we do not have in preparation for a mailer requesting them for e-blast communications.

Other Reports or Information

Golf Cart Crossing Road Signs - Jerry is preparing the proposal requested by the Board for replacing these posts/signs. This would complete all present road sign issues in the Community.

Unfinished Business

Street Lamps Tree Trimming – Dottie's meetings with T. Boals accomplished a proposed plan to begin this project. He will begin with Governor's Road, Plantation Lane, Casseque Province, and continue on if needed, to accomplish all that is possible within the five day period – he can begin next week – his fee for one week (five 8-hour days) is \$7,500. Discussion was held regarding this proposed first phase of work to include that it will help to estimate future phases/funds to complete the project. Margaret's review of the financials is needed to determine when additional phases can be approved.

Margaret Motioned to approve Phase I of the Project as proposed at a cost of \$7,500.00, Seconded and Passed.

Whipple Road Fencing – An estimate was obtained from FenceCraft for completion of the Whipple Road Fence to Long Point Road. This is a distance of 1,675 feet and includes two coats of SF green stain, and removal of the chain link fencing. Surveying will be necessary (cost pending) and meeting with SCE&G to determine the exact location for sufficient clearance on the side of the adjacent property owners for maintenance. This will be reviewed further pending review of the financials, other projects needed, and the impending budgeting for 2015.

Moss Bluff Common Area Sign – It is agreed that a "No Trespassing" sign is not relevant in this location and should be removed – Jerry will provide this service. This small section of common area needs to be included in the landscape maintenance program. Dottie will meet with the Ashcrafts to determine the schedule and work to be done to ensure that it is maintained without unnecessary loss of trees and plant material that provides the density needed to help impede entry in or out of Snee Farm over the fence, and related fence damage experienced in the past.

New Business

"Gregg Tract" New Development Plan Presentation – The Developer's information was mailed Oct. 3rd to all Foundation members advising of this event to be held Oct. 16, 6:30 at the Country Club. This is an important opportunity to be informed and provide feedback to their team and the Board prior to their plan going to the Town's Planning Commission Public Hearing Oct. 22.

Foundation Member Comments – None

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 PM

Prepared by Dorothy Clinton, Secretary
Approved Electronically on or by October 15, 2014
Attested to by Jackie Walker, President