

SNEE FARM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
December 6, 2016 – Snee Farm Country Club – 5:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES

President Hurst called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

Board Members Present: Dorothy Clinton, Dottie Teetor, Jeremy Burnham, Mario Rasgo, Michael Hagedorn, Steve Hurst, Don Campbell, Brian Eanes **Absent:** Ed Hutson

Minutes Approved November Monthly Meeting Minutes Approved

Invited Guests - Jackie Walker, Margaret Passailaigue

Presidents Comments: Deferred to end of meeting

Committee Reports:

Restrictions

Don Campbell had no report as he had no data.

Finance

SNCF's storage unit was downsized saving \$624/annually.

Special thank you to Dottie Teetor for her diligence and effort in procuring three bids for Landscape maintenance and three bids for Tree maintenance, satisfying our fiduciary responsibility to the homeowners.

Two issues were brought for discussion and Board approval:

- Open a new Money Market Account to increase interest earnings. After discussing concerns about FDIC insurance, bank ratings, and competitive interest rates from other local banks, the decision was made to research the situation further and report back to the Board.
- Terminate 843-884-5956 saving the SFCF approximately \$1,400/annually, and instead direct callers to our property manager's direct telephone number, using sneefarmcf.com. After discussing concerns about not having enough information about inbound call traffic and demographics, and losing SFCF's longstanding telephone number identity, the decision was made to maintain the number and report on actual caller usage over the next six months.

Maintenance

Steve reported that the lamp at Hwy 17 entrance was replaced and repairs were made at Indigo Cut.

SCE&G is in the process of repainting the fiberglass lamp poles.
Rainfree is doing inspection repairs @ an additional cost of \$310.42
Jerry Barnett and Ed Hutson got breaker working at gazebo.

EMS scheduled pond maintenance continues.

Efforts continue on the SCE&G Whipple Road issue. The \$2000. received comes from the cell tower. but the company no longer has an interest in maintaining the transmission lines .We are also moving on the Beaumont fence line issue

Landscape

The four Snee Farm entrances were replanted, by the Ashcrafts, with the winter seasonal plantings. The Ashcrafts were generous enough to hang the Christmas bows on the light poles throughout Snee Farm. They volunteer to do this for us. It is done totally because of their care for our community.

Tommy Boals, Mt. Pleasant Tree, had his crew spend an afternoon trimming the palm trees, etc. at our front entrance to help accent the Christmas decorations as you enter Snee Farm. This too was gratis. We are very fortunate to have contractors who care about being a part of our community.

Leaves are an issue at this time of year and will be dealt with by the Ashcrafts.

There is a large pine tree to the right of the gazebo that is leaning at about a 40 degree angle with the roots partially pulled up. This occurred during Matthew. Tommy Boals and Jerry Barnett brought this to our attention. The tree is at the edge of the Snee Farm golf course. After marking the tree, I spoke with Tammy (at the club) about the pine tree. She is to alert the club grounds supervisor. We want to avoid the possibility of the tree uprooting and falling on one of the leyland cypress trees and possibly damaging the gazebo.

Mario asked about large dangling branches over Law Lane and Colonial. Whose responsibility is it to take care of these. Dottie responded by saying that Mt. Pleasant Tree Service will do a drive through to determine if there is a problem.

Security

Jerry Barnett spoke of three suspicious events. There is a biker who cuts through who is not a problem. There is another on a bicycle who may present a problem and police should be called.

He reemphasized the need to lock vehicles and homes.

Speeding continues to be a problem.

Additional comments involved the clearing of brush to facilitate sight lines and the need for neighbors to bag their leaves instead of just putting them out at the curb loose.

Communication

For the month of November, we sent out 2 email blasts. The first one thanked everyone for their efforts in cleaning up the debris left by the hurricane. This not only added to the curb appeal of our neighborhood, but also reduced the amount of potential debris running into our stormwater drainage system. It also informed residents that the town has resumed their normal garbage and trash collection schedule. The second email blast reminded residents of the change in the recycling collection schedule due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

The website was updated with the November meeting minutes.

Architectural Control

Jeremy notes that not much has come through. He has good committee members who have taken care of issues as they have come up. Quiet lately.

Jackie noted that the jobs worked should be shared with all committee members so that everyone knows what is being worked on. and this will reduce possible disagreements.

Presidents Comments

On behalf of the Board, we've invited Margaret Passailaigue and Jackie Walker to join us so that we might express our deep appreciation of their service to the Foundation over the past 12 years.

As a relatively new Foundation and Board member, my personal experience is limited, but it seems obvious that the stability and solvency we all enjoy is substantially due to their considerable efforts.

We can only try to imagine the hours, the phone calls, the meetings, and the efforts in twelve years of service.

We sincerely thank you both for your commitment and accomplishments

Dottie Teetor added her thanks and stated that she truly appreciated the amount of work and time and dedication Jackie and Margaret have put into the neighborhood.

Other Reports and Information

Thanks to Ed Hutson and Tom Franzone for their help with electrical work for Christmas decorations

Brian Eanes reported that the insurance rates(renewal in January) for the upcoming year have gone from \$13,441. to \$13,300. Deductibles have gone from 5% to 2%. These rates are shopped and so we are assured that they are competitive. Due on 1/8/17

Steve Hurst wanted read into the minutes the following: On November 16 an Executive Board Meeting was held. Present at that meeting were all Board members except Brian and Dottie. At that meeting we discussed the shortcomings of A+ and Gobi and voted unanimously to move forward on their termination.

Also that the Board has embarked on a competitive bid process. Some is driven by contractual obligations, Dottie has worked diligently to get these bids out. It is a new policy but hardest the first time and Steve believes we are headed in the right direction. Because of the timing, Steve may reach out to others to help get this accomplished.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM

Prepared by Dorothy Clinton

Approved Electronically on or by January 10, 2017

Attested to by Steve Hurst, President