

Briarbend Community Improvement Association

Minutes

May 12, 2019

Location: Due to Covid Directives, this meeting was done by email

- I. Call to Order – Larry Stanton – President, suggested that we meet via email. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm Board members reporting via email- Conor Shary, Peter Blomquist, Chad Roberts, Charlie Stoddard, Tom Ehardt, Mary Spiller, Scott Summerville, Larry Stanton, James Pocza and Leigh Adkins.
- II. Introduction of Visitors- There were no visitors
- III. Reading of Minutes from Preceding Meeting- The Minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting were sent via email for review. After review Tom Ehardt motioned that the Minutes be approved. Charlie Stoddard seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.
- IV. President's Comments- Larry Stanton

A heartfelt thank you to the Briarbend families for following the local and state governmental mandates to shelter at home as per the general lock down; practicing social distancing; and protecting your family w/ masks, gloves & disinfectants. I am not aware of any infection in our subdivision which is wonderful. These activities are designed to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus that is extremely contagious and deadly. Please continue to practice these methods of protection because Abbott, the Governor of Texas is releasing businesses to begin operation and the general public is not under lock down. The governor has the power over our mayor in making decisions about opening businesses, masks and stay at home policies. I am hopeful all of you will continue to wear masks when out in public.

DO NOT jump to any wrong conclusions about the status of the Corona COVID-19 virus. You can still contract this virus. This is considered the first phase of this pandemic. As Yogi Berra said " it ain't over till it's over". OVER occurs when there is a vaccine(s) or a cure.

Houston appears to be fortunate w/ a minimum of virus cases and deaths probably due to the timely closing of sports events and the Rodeo and started the shelter at home. For current virus info daily, there is a section called Caronavirus in the Chronicle that will give you an up to date report on the virus activity. Currently Houston and Harris county are on the upswing of cases and deaths. With business openings and the general population freed from lock down, the virus infection cases and deaths should increase. Continue to use safe practices and stay at home as much as possible. Texas was 49th in testing w/ about 475,000 tests performed in a population of 33 million. When you venture out, you don't know who is contagious. There are people who contracted the virus and show no symptoms. They are asymptomatic and can infect you w/ the virus.

If you need to get tested, call your family doctor for medical advice OR call the City of Houston to determine where you can be tested. Remember, there are many tests available and not all are good. Try to get a test from a reliable source that receives your results w/ in 24 hrs or less. The City of Houston is opening a number of testing sites shortly.

On the subject of vaccine development being performed around the world, I have obtained the following sites for virus info and vaccine development for your perusal:

1. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2Findex.html has piece called "what you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others". This is a good piece, in color, that you can print and hang on the refrigerator or bathroom mirror.
2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_vaccine has a 15 page general info and the current info on accelerated development of the Covid-19 vaccine
3. Oxford Vaccine Group & Oxford's Jenner Institute / has a description of the virus and the current progress testing the identified vaccine candidate. (This is one of the fastest moving of the vaccine trials and should be watched as they are close to the large group testing of !,000 humans considered as Phase III).

4. <https://www.gatesnote> This site has excellent Bill Gates produced opinions and papers on the virus. He is supporting w/ the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation the development of a vaccine and future vaccine production w/ contribution of capital. (This is an amazing story from one of the worlds most intelligent humans. It is worth your time to investigate.)
5. Pandemic I: The First Modern Pandemic by Bill Gates (This is a must read and you will find this in gatesnotes.com).

The two most promising vaccine developers are the following: The Oxford University in England & the Moderna/NIAID group. Both of these are moving fast and are worth investigating. Trust information from Bill Gates, WHO, CDC, if it's from Dr. Fauci, CEPI and Dr. Sonjay Gupta. Do not trust the words of politician on the vaccine and/or cure. There are too many good sources to seek this info. Knowledge is power. Become educated from those who know.

So, stay at home if you can! TAKE THIS VIRUS SERIOUSLY as your life may depend on how you protect yourself. Wear mask, wear gloves, wash your hands regularly & disinfect. Please do not deposit gloves, masks or wipes in the reclamation bin. They go to regular garbage. STAY SAFE AND RESPECT OTHERS!

V. Reports of Committees

- A) Vice President – Tom Ehardt- The Board needs to start discussing how and when we want to prepare an updated Briar bend Directory. Our current directory is from August 2018 and we have usually been updating on a two-year schedule.
- B) Secretary – Mary Spiller – See notes above on Minutes from the February Board Meeting. No additional report at this time.
- C) Treasurer- Leigh Atkins- Attached are the financials with notes. There are currently five homeowners have not paid their 2020 Dues. One of the homeowners has not paid their 2019 Dues. I'll get with Charlie regarding the 2019 delinquent homeowner. The neighborhood is currently overbudget by approximately \$2,034.02. The main cause for not being in budget is the delinquent dues. I will be sending out dues reminder notices this week. If anyone has a question concerning the financials, please email me. Mary, I will include a copy of the financials (without notes) on the website, once approved by a majority of board members. I will be contacting a security camera person (recommended by Jerry Nicholson) regarding adding DVR capabilities to the security camera at Burgoyne and Stoney Brook. The current configuration only saves data for approximately 2-3 days and has limited accessibility (me). I'm hoping to be able to grant access to approved people (board members & security officers) so that pics, videos, and license plate data can be accessed as needed. Mary Spiller moved to approve the Financials. Charlie Stoddard seconded. The Financial Report will be posted on the website.
- D) **Security** – Chad Roberts- We had two burglaries of vehicles in the neighborhood during the month of April. One could have been worse. The assailant was looking for more to steal from the home.
- E) **Super neighborhood** - Peter Blomquist – The Quarterly Meeting of Super Neighborhood was cancelled and has not been scheduled due to Covid 19 restrictions. The meeting location, going forward, will be moved from the Richmond Storefront to the HPD Westside Command Facility. The next Super Neighborhood Meeting will be scheduled when City Council lifts present restrictions.
- F) **ACC** - Scott Summerville- The ACC reviewed a driveway gate and fence for 2403 Stoney Brook. It was not necessary to approve, but the homeowner asked.
- G) **At Large**- Conor Shary has just been elected to the Board, has not received a position and has no report at this time.

H) **Hospitality**- James Pocza- We have not been able to locate the “Yard of the Month” sign. We will have a new one made and then start awarding a YOM on a monthly basis.

I) **Legal**- Charlie Stoddard – No Report at this time.

VI. New Business- There was no new Business.

VII. General Discussion/Executive Session (if necessary)- no executive session was necessary.

VIII. Adjournment- upon completion of Reports from Board Members, Charlie Stoddard move to adjourned the meeting, Tom Ehardt seconded. Larry Stanton adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm via email.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is June 9. A location has not been set due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Spiller, Secretary

May 13, 2020