

Briarbend Community Improvement Association

Minutes November 10, 2020

Location: Via Zoom 7 PM

- I. Call to Order – Larry Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
Board members present: Larry Stanton, Leigh Adkins, Tom Ehardt, Charlie Stoddard, Scott Summerville, Chad Roberts, Mary Spiller, Peter Blomquist, Conor Shary, James Pocza. There were no members absent.
- II. Introduction of Visitors
 - A) No visitors attended the November meeting.
- III. Reading Minutes of Preceding Meeting-

The Minutes from the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting were sent via email the week prior to the November Meeting, for review or correction. There was one name misspelling that was corrected. Mary moved to approve the minutes, Charlie seconded. The October Minutes were approved and will be posted on the Briarbend Web Site.
- IV. President’s Comments- Larry Stanton-Following massive flooding following Hurricane Harvey, the Army Corps of Engineers have proposed several long term proposals to prevent to large scale overall flooding of Bayous in Houston, A proposal that would address the flooding of Buffalo Bayou (#1) would be a 70 foot trench, and 265 foot width that is fully concrete. This would be similar to what was done in Meyerland, that caused excessive flooding. Briarbend resident, Justin Doran called Larry to alert him to the proposal. Larry responded with a letter to the Corps. Following Harvey, only 2 Briarbend homes had limited flooding. The main problem Briarbend experienced was caused by sewage seeping out of our storm drains due to the loss of power at the Water Treatment Lift station on the north side of the Bayou from the Briarbend Park. If the Corps of Engineers proceed with their proposal, we would lose the Briarbend Park and a number of the Townhomes adjacent to the Bayou. Larry has contacted Lizzie Fletcher, our Congresswoman, and Greg Travis, our District G Representative. There is to be a conference call on November 15th, and Larry has registered for the call, as well as Peter Blomquist. They will contact the Board after the telephone call with additional information.
- V. Reports of Committees
 - A) Vice President – Tom Ehardt- Tom and James have worked on a Directory Request for Information that will be sent to all residents within the next week or so. The forms will be dropped off or mailed to James Pocza, who will tally the information. There was discussion about adding a line requesting License Plate information on the form. This could be used with our Security Camera program. The feeling of the Board was that it was not needed. The Board approved the form as proposed.
 - B) Secretary – Mary Spiller – Mary reported that the Annual Ladies Christmas Coffee, usually scheduled for early December, would not take place due to Covid restrictions.
 - C) Treasurer- Leigh Adkins- Leigh sent the Briarbend Income & Expense Statement for 1/1/20 to 10/31/20 (See Separate Sheet) At present we are \$6600 under budget. We also are \$3000 under Budget for Security. There is \$5000 per year, of the Annual Security Budget that can be used for Security related items.(extra Patrols, Cameras, etc.) One Homeowner hasn’t finished paying past dues, but has made arrangements to pay by installments. There is \$2000 left in Auto Maintenance for the year. The budget has \$19,000 left through December

2020. Leigh has not finished paying for expenses for the Halloween Party, so no total for that expense yet. Leigh motioned to approve the Financials, Larry seconded. The Financials were approved.

- D) Security – Chad Roberts- The Security Vehicle needs new tires. He will take care of this in December. Our Annual Security Budget is \$33,000. We have spent \$26,780 by end of October. We should have about \$5000 left in the Security Budget by the end of the year. Monthly expenses of \$350 to Jeff Fondon, coordinator of Security Patrols, \$2750 for Officers. This will increase to \$3072 when the new rates go into effect. Jeff's pay will increase by \$50. It was approved by the Board (via email vote) effective November 1st. Chad got Charnwood to and 8000 Woodway to chip in on the Security expenses. Charnwood has had issues with people going through unlocked doors. We need to keep cars, homes and gates locked at all times. No break-ins to report. Leigh is working to get more Security Cameras at Westheimer and StoneyBrook/Woodway. He is looking at a less expensive cell phone that goes with these cameras.
 - E) Super neighborhood - Peter Blomquist – No report. No new Meetings have been scheduled. Peter will participate in the Corps of Engineers Conference call Nov. 15th.
 - F) ACC - Scott Summerville- No report. The Pizzatola home at 2019 Stoney Brook has a Sale Pending.
 - G) Hospitality/Social- James Pocza – Kudos to James and Jessica Strehlow for a wonderful Halloween Party. James will be sending out the Notice for Judging of the Christmas Lights in December. He will also be awarding the Yard of the Month in the next week.
 - H) Legal- Charlie Stoddard – no report
 - I) At Large- Conor Shary- No report. He will be helping with the Directory.
- VII. New Business- No new Business
- VIII. General Discussion/Executive Session (if necessary)- no executive session was necessary.
- VIV. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Larry made a motion to adjourn and Leigh seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Spiller, Secretary

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There was no scheduled Board Meeting in December 2020:

Addendum to Minutes: On 12/29/20 Chad Roberts (Security) via an email to the Board, moved that there is a need for new tires for the Security Patrol Car, and that they be replaced at this time. In addition he moved that we provide each Security Officer on Patrol a \$50 Bonus. In response from the Board members, the motion was approved. Leigh Adkins responded that there is money in the Security Budget for this request.

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