

HICKORY CLUSTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 15, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Session (Virtual)

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Doug Pew, Jennie Kampf, Jennifer Rekas, Kristen Uhler-McKeown, Silvia Merrill

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

TWC STAFF: None

I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

- **CALL TO ORDER:** President Silvia Merrill, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and established that a quorum of the Board was present.
- **OPENING REMARKS:** None
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board approved HCA February 2023 Meeting minutes with some minor revisions. The Board approved the Special Vote Meeting minutes from March 2023.

II. Special Topic - Invasive Bamboo Removal Process Orientation - Kayla Cross from Invasive Plant Control

- Kristen Uhler-McKeown gave briefing on HCA background and state of effort for orientation
- Ms. Kayla Cross briefed on Invasive Plant Control approach, experience, recommendations. She addressed details on herbicide for control and lesser chosen alternatives which could involve severe excavation and clearing of land to successfully eradicate
- Questions/comments taken by Ms. Cross from the members Carol Laird, Audrey Rogerson, Jim Livingood, Michael Poss
- Pine Crest Cluster in Herndon is an example where local work was done by this vendor
- Wait for one year or two before planting on top of site treated - bamboo roots may have damaged the soil (made it harder), so may need some topsoil to help

III. MEMBER FORUM

Carol Laird - 11508 Maple Ridge Rd

- Added request to require written approval of $\frac{2}{3}$ of affected neighbors before taking action on the bamboo

Audrey Rogerson - 11539 Maple Ridge

- Asks that objectors to the bamboo herbicide solution find a contractor that can guarantee the eradication without herbicide.

Jim Livingood - 11504 Maple Ridge Road

- Have managed some bamboo with cutting over the years of living here
- Concrete grinding topic - has contractor coming

Katy Hughes - 11522 Hickory Cluster

- Was on the board before, knows it was difficult finding reputable contractors to eradicate the bamboo. The longer an action takes to happen, the more the bamboo grows and gets difficult to remove.

Michael Poss - 11557 Maple Ridge

- Fences being according to Reston standards are now being offered by the contractor now. We should also be asking them to be using quieter air conditioners. Next DRB meeting is on March 21, 2023. Poss offers to draft another letter to express concerns about noise. Suggests that every neighbor affected by that potential noise attend the DRB session to express personal statement.

Riley Smith - 11544 Hickory Cluster

- New to the neighborhood, first board meeting

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW - Board approved January and February financial reviews.

V. ACTION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- **CHARGE UP FAIRFAX AND HCA EVCS**
Charge Up Fairfax applications are declared, Due April 5, 2023. Two major actions: 1. Data collection from neighborhood on questions sought by application; 2. Site and electric source research for application purposes.
Action: Rekas to collect data from neighborhood, prepare application, if there is sufficient interest from the neighborhood and board.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- **DREDGING THE POND**
HCA/Reston Association pond dredging agreement has been iteratively reviewed/edited for mutual satisfaction between HCA lawyer and RA.
Decision: Board approves updated pond dredging agreement to be sent to RA.
Action: Pew to let TWC know that the updated agreement can be sent back to RA.
- **LAKE ANNE FELLOWSHIP TOWN HOME CONSTRUCTION**
Action: Poss - Draft letter to send to Reston Association to either address sound concerns or keep design option open for proper fence around the air conditioning system for sound buffering or identify another design that would mute sound.
Action: TWC - Send email notification to neighborhood to attend the DRB on March 21, 2023. Poss to draft brief email with letter attachment.
- **RE-STRIPING - TWC/Rekas**
Rekas met with Finley Asphalt and Concrete contractor on March 13, 2023 to review a detailed list of outstanding parking painting items across all three blocks. Corrective action date is TBD.
Action: TWC to send notices via email and mail to residents prior to the work being done and notify Jenny Rekas to publish on HCA website. Anticipate early April execution.
- **COMMUNICATIONS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS - Uhler-McKeown - NOT DISCUSSED**
Rekas handed Analysis of Alternatives research to Uhler-McKeown

- **RETAINING WALL STATUS - TWC**
TWC meeting with contractor for planning of repair. Merrill will join.
- **STORAGE DOORS IN BLOCK 3 - Kampf - NOT DISCUSSED**
- **CONCRETE TRIP HAZARD REMEDIATION - Pew - NOT DISCUSSED**

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NOT COVERED THIS SESSION

1. Landscape Committee
2. Playground Committee
3. Electric Vehicle Committee - Covered in above notes

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned 9:38 p.m.

Next board meeting scheduled for April 19, 2023, at 7:30 PM on Zoom.

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