

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting

January 21, 2012

Meeting Room of the Anacortes Library

MINUTES

Board attendees: Paul Allen, Barbara Ballentine, Don Berg, Jackie Etsell, and Jim Nelson.

Board absent: Ted Filler.

Guest: Eric Johnson, Anacortes City Council member.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Allen at 1:00 p.m. Paul introduced the 2011 directors and officers.

2. Quorum

Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Etsell announced that there were 15 lots and/or units represented at today's meeting, and 34 proxies. A quorum was therefore achieved, and a simple majority would total 26.

3. Budget

The 2011 actual income/expenses and 2012 budget were presented by Jackie.

Explanations for specific expense categories were provided, primarily for utilities, legal fees, additions to reserve, and new landscaping. Barbara Ballentine made the motion to approve the budget, and Jim Nelson seconded. All were in favor, with no dissenting votes.

4. Election of 2012 Board

Jackie announced that the candidates, Paul Allen, Victor Brzeg, and Jim Gray, were all elected unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

5a. Architectural Review Committee – Don Berg reported that there has still been no response to the request for a landscape plan for SCE Lot 12, but he received this date the plan for SCE Lot 8. He also noted that he is digitizing all the plans so that they will be available electronically for members of the committee to review.

5b. Landscape Committee – Barbara Ballentine reported that there were numerous landscaping projects in 2011, and what is ahead in 2012:

- ~ The biggest project for the year was the re-planting and irrigation of both cul-de-sacs.
- ~ Maintenance projects in 2011 included re-mulching the medians, re-painting the gazebo, scotch broom removal, and continued trouble-shooting of the lighting in the medians (thank you, Bill Ballentine!).
- ~ The 2012 budget includes money for small plants and color, and general maintenance, but nothing major this year. If anyone has ideas as to where additional median lighting should go, please let Barbara know.

~ Green Street Yards, LLC won the landscape maintenance bid for 2012. Barbara mentioned that they are very responsible and do a really good job. A link will be added to the Sunset Cove webpage for them.

5c. Publicity Committee – Jim Nelson reported that this year's picnic was very successful, as 48-52 people attended. The move back to Washington Park was a good idea. The extra food that was left over was taken to the food bank, which coordinates with the Salvation Army. (Jim's note: please donate what and when you can – there is truly a need in Anacortes.)

Jackie also reminded people that contributions to the newsletter are always welcome, and can be sent to her. A hard copy of the most recent edition was enclosed in the December annual mailing as a courtesy, but we will be going back to primarily emailing the newsletter with the next issue. Please also inform Sunset Cove webmaster Rick Etsell of any email address changes.

6. New Business

~ Rick Etsell noted that the "Washington Park Winter Wonderland" event in early December was very nice, and the groups who decorated various camp sites did a really good job, overall. Some gave out candy, some had music, some even had Santa Claus, but the most successful sites had lots of lights. Looked like a popular family event.

~ Joyce Young asked if there might be any interest in holding a neighborhood garage sale, at some time agreeable to all who would like to participate? This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

~ Deanna Brzeg wondered if there might be interest in starting a neighborhood cooking club? This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

~ John Howell noted that the Guemes Trail Project seems to be moving ahead, according to the Anacortes Park Department website. While the overall plan is to proceed west from Lovrick's all the way to Washington Park, there are actually no plans currently to go beyond Ship Harbor. Eric Johnson confirmed that this is a hot topic for City staff.

~ Eric also wanted us to be aware of an increase in criminal activity in the neighborhood, and to let him know if we see improvements.

~ Jim Gray asked whether the Association is doing anything about the moles? Short answer, "no." It is each lot owner's choice/responsibility to do anything about the problem. Most remedies discussed were usually unsuccessful in the long run.

7. The next board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library. All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Etsell
Secretary/Treasurer SSCHOA