

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting

January 19, 2013

Meeting Room of the Anacortes Library

MINUTES – Corrected

Board attendees: Paul Allen, Barbara Ballentine, Don Berg, Jackie Etsell, and Jim Gray.
Board absent: Victor Brzeg.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Allen at 1:03 p.m. Paul introduced the 2012 directors and officers. Introductions were made around the room of the 18 neighbors present.

Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Etsell announced that there were 14 lots and/or units represented at today's meeting, and 35 proxies. A quorum was therefore achieved, and a simple majority would total 25.

2. Budget

The 2012 actual income/expenses and 2013 budget were presented by Jackie. Explanations for specific expense categories were provided, primarily for utilities, legal fees, additions to reserve (actually a savings account opened that is linked to the checking account), and new landscaping. A motion was made to approve the budget, and seconded. All were in favor, with no dissenting votes.

3. Election of 2013 Board

Jim Gray announced that the candidates, Barbara Ballentine, Vickie Cooley, and Jackie Etsell, were all elected unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

4a. Architectural Review Committee – Don Berg reported that there are no new actions going forward, and that rocks have been placed on SCE Lot 12 for the rock wall (the project is going forward despite the City requiring another review of the plans by a different engineering firm).

4b. Landscape Committee – Barbara Ballentine reported that there were not many new landscaping projects in 2012, mainly mulching and trimming. While the 2013 budget is \$2,500 for "new landscaping projects," the primary considerations will be:

- ~ What will the deer NOT eat? Would succulents be a viable option? (The deer ate almost everything that was planted in 2012.)
- ~ Many of the larger plants have been cut back, and Barbara will wait and watch what happens with them.
- ~ Meanwhile, it was noted that the trees along Washington Boulevard must be kept trimmed on both sides: the sidewalk for pedestrians and the street for the street sweepers. This is each homeowner's responsibility.

- ~ The median lighting has been re-checked and the electrical hook-ups have been re-set. New and additional lighting may be going in this year.
- ~ The holiday lights in the median were a really nice, festive touch.

4c. Publicity Committee – Paul Allen reported on Victor Brzeg's behalf that this year's activities were very successful: the community garage sale in June, the picnic at Washington Park in September, and the holiday light display in December. Jackie Etsell reported that extra copies of the year's newsletters were on the back table, and that anyone wishing to write something for the next edition to please do so!

5. Old Business

The winner of the "Sunset Cove Holiday Lights" contest was announced: Victor Brzeg, of 2606 Washington Boulevard. He won an indoor/outdoor outlet adaptor. Congratulations!

6. New Business

~ John Howell noted that the Guemes Trail Project seems to be moving ahead; he will be meeting soon with Eric Johnson, City Council representative, and will report back to the Board.

~ In the interests of sharing neighbors' efforts around the community, the floor was opened to allow people to "advertise" what they're doing:

- Stan and Susan Singer are involved with the Citizens Auxiliary Patrol, which is sponsored through the Anacortes Police Department. They are essentially extra eyes and ears in the community. The west end group meets monthly; homeowners can notify them if they're going out of town for a while, so the Auxiliary can do house checks, for example.
- Barbara Ballentine is involved with the Soroptomist's Club, which operates a thrift store – including a medical equipment borrowing program for ~~the elderly~~ residents in the 98221 zip code – and offers numerous scholarships to women. Ali Howell is the current president of the group.
- Paul Allen reminded the group that a good way to get involved is to volunteer as a driver for the Meals on Wheels program; check at the Senior Center.
- Jackie Etsell is involved with The Thrifty Kitty thrift store, which supports The Cat's Meow, a rescue shelter for feral and unwanted cats and kittens. The store sells fine furnishings and household items, and accepts donations.
- Sharron Baggs is involved with the Anacortes Senior College, which offers great classes at a really low cost [reported by Jackie Etsell in Sharron's absence].

7. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library. All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Etsell
Secretary/Treasurer SSCHOA