

Sunset Cove Homeowners' Association
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2016
Meeting Room of the Anacortes Library

MINUTES

Board attendees: Vickie Cooley, Jackie Etsell, Alan Hanson, Amy Schnabel, and Jean Warner.

Board absent: Tisa Kniskern.

Members present: Barbara Ballentine, Jeff Mount, Trinkia Mount, Cori Nelson, Jim Nelson, and Rob Warner.

Guest: Eric Johnson, Anacortes City Council member.

1. Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Etsell at 7:00 p.m.

2. Board Appointments:

The Board officer positions and committee chairs for 2016 were announced as follows:

President:	Jackie Etsell
Vice President:	Jean Warner
Secretary:	Amy Schnabel
Treasurer:	Tisa Kniskern
Arch. Review Com.:	Alan Hanson
Audit Com.:	Jean Warner
Landscape Com.:	Jean Warner
Publicity Com.:	Vickie Cooley

3. Meeting Minutes and Finance Report:

The minutes from the Annual Meeting, held January 23, 2016, had been circulated electronically; approved as sent. The beginning checking account balance for January 2016 was \$13,831.34; with expenses of \$1,623.77 and receivables (assessments) of \$11,000.00 the end of the month balance was \$23,207.57. The savings account balance was \$5,705.23. The treasurer report was approved by the Board.

4. Committee Reports:

4a. ARC – Alan Hanson reported that Jeff and Kim Graf (SCE Lot 13) submitted final plans for construction. The final plans met the original approved plans, and were therefore approved. No date for city approval or construction start date is known at this time.

4b. Landscape – Jean Warner contacted an electrician to check the power outage to median #4. At this time, no confirmation from the electrician had been received. Eric Johnson recommended Brad Yost, an electrician, if SCHOA needs to contact someone else. Jackie Etsell asked if the Washington Boulevard trees need to be sprayed again to prevent the “rust”/disease. The trees were last sprayed on March 13, 2015. It was noted that once leaves are out, it is too late to spray. Jean will contact Lawnboy Spray Services to acquire an estimate. Jackie reminded homeowners that when a tree is blown over or damaged, it should be pushed back up to see if it will survive. Since trees are consistently being damaged/blown over, Jean asked if a different landscape option would work better. Alan Hanson suggested that we may want to list desirable landscape options with pictures on our SCHOA website. Homeowners must choose recommended trees from our suggestions. Jackie has observed that some homeowners have replaced the grassy strips with rocks.

4c. Publicity – Vickie Cooley will call Anacortes Parks and Recreation to reserve a date for the annual SCHOA picnic. Vickie will see what is available, but hopes to reserve August 20 or 27, 2016. We plan to hold the picnic in late August this year to see if it improves turnout and is a more

convenient timeframe. Vickie also wants to organize other social events for our neighborhood community. A cocktail party, holiday party, and a "wine and cheese time" at the gazebo were mentioned as ideas. If you are interested in helping with these events, please contact Vickie. Jackie Etsell will update the roster and will teach Vickie how to compose the SCHOA Newsletter.

5. Old Business:

5a. Guemes Channel Trail – Jackie Etsell became concerned when she saw a Facebook post regarding The Guemes Channel Trail. The post read, "Currently the city is contracting route evaluation to a professional design firm for the section of trail from Ferry Terminal Road to Washington Park." Jackie contacted John Howell, member of the GC Trail Commission, to express this concern. John responded via email with a response to the Facebook post. John's email stated that the firm, MacLeod Reckord, based in Seattle, has been hired for a period of four months. They will meet with constituencies who have concerns about the trail. According to the email, the SCHOA will be informed of a meeting time to express our interests and concerns. Jackie reported that the City of Anacortes websites still show the trail running through the SCHOA buffer zones; the maps have not been corrected. Barbara Ballantine noted that the trail should be part of the landscape; a natural trail. Concerns were voiced for the eagle perch trees that have nests and are breeding grounds. A question was brought up to see if the Guemes Channel Trail is ADA capable and acceptable in its current design. Jackie encouraged all homeowners to be proactive and to stay alert regarding information that is released regarding the GC Trail.

5b. Garden Village Townhomes – Vickie Cooley reported that she spoke with Ted Filler and they are still planning to build. Official information regarding this project states that there will be 10 lots. (Originally, this project was slated for 16 lots.) Apparently, they are having problems with the city regarding waste disposal and setbacks.

6. New Business:

6a. Traffic Speed on Oakes Avenue - Eric Johnson reported that the Anacortes City Traffic Department is considering reducing the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph on Oakes Avenue due to construction work happening in that area. Eric Johnson asked for the members' in attendance feedback and response. The overall consensus was that this is too slow. Eric announced that Oakes Avenue is slated for resurfacing February 2017 and that the Skyline neighborhood needs it as well. Eric also stated that Eric Shjarback, engineer for Anacortes Traffic Department, loaned the Skyline neighborhood mobile flashing speed signs. Skyline HOA is considering purchasing signs for their neighborhood. Eric stated each sign is approximately \$2,000.00. Jackie Etsell asked if it is possible for SCHOA to rent one from the city. Eric Shjarback's traffic study in summer 2014 showed that overall, speeding is not a problem in our neighborhood.

7. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, March 17 and April 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Schnabel
SCHOA Secretary