

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2015
Meeting Room of the Anacortes Library

MINUTES – Corrected

Board attendees: Paul Allen, Jackie Etsell, Alan Hanson, Stan Singer, and Jean Warner.

Board absent: Vickie Cooley.

Members present: Barbara Ballentine, Rick Etsell, Amy Schnabel, Susan Singer, and Rob Warner.

Guest: Eric Johnson, Anacortes City Council member.

1. Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Stan Singer at 7:00 p.m.

2. Meeting Minutes and Finance Report:

The minutes from the February meeting had been circulated electronically; approved as sent. The beginning checking account balance for February 2015 was \$24,056.53. With expenses of \$789.67 and receivables (assessments) of \$4,400.00 the end of the month balance was \$27,666.86. The savings account balance was \$5,703.65. The treasurer report was approved by the Board.

3. Committee Reports:

3a. ARC – Alan Hanson reported that he received landscaping plans from Ken Goodwin (SCE Lot 18) and the committee will meet soon to review. He also spoke with the Hayes' (WPE Lot 26) about their preliminary plans; they will be out of town through the end of April so nothing formal will be decided until after that.

3b. Landscape – Paul Allen reported that the Washington Boulevard trees were sprayed against the "rust"/disease on March 13; because it was a Friday and garbage pick-up day, the spraying was difficult for the contractor. Paul also noted that the backflow testing to turn on irrigation valves needs to wait a bit; but email letters will go out soon to owners for them to sign up to take advantage of the price break. Letters will also be sent via US mail to vacant lot owners reminding them of the need to control weeds and mow earlier this year due to the milder winter we've had. Paul will continue to research LED lighting, and he will get updated quotes from Choice Landscaping to replace the current lights (and possibly adding more). We need to remember/consider that LED's are difficult around moisture, however.

3c. Publicity – Vickie Cooley reported via email message that she reserved the Washington Park barbecue area for the annual picnic for Sunday, September 13. She is beginning to work on the newsletter, and hopes to have it out by the end of March.

4. Old Business:

4a. Guemes Channel Trail – The letter drafted earlier of the Association's position regarding the option for the trail's apparent route through the northern-most SCHOA buffer will be sent to Gary Robinson of the Anacortes Park Department, and emailed to the City Council, Mayor, and Trail Commission. Discussion included Eric Johnson's observation that WWU is "excited for the trail to go through their property"; however, concern was voiced that official handouts still show the trail using SCHOA buffer property. Understanding that *all* trail options are currently up in the air, and agreeing that our position letter is both appropriate (and reinforced by an informal chat with our attorney) and timely, it was moved, seconded, and approved that the letter be sent.

4b. Garden Village Townhomes – Vickie Cooley reported via email that Ted Filler and associates are looking at designs with different builders at this time, and still plan to start construction sometime

this year. The garbage issue is still to be worked out between the builder and the City at the time of permit issuance (the dumpster option has been eliminated). Drawings are forthcoming.

4c. Deer feeding – Stan Singer reported that a concern has been raised by neighbors over the active feeding of deer by some other neighbors, as well as drive-by visitors who leave food. It is felt that whatever the deer do not eat may attract rats and other vermin, which is definitely unwanted. It was suggested that if you see a homeowner doing this (feeding deer), that you call the Animal Control Officer so *they* can speak to the homeowner. This might also be a good topic for the newsletter.

5. New Business:

5a. Spring Backflow Testing and Vacant Lot Weed Control were discussed earlier, under Landscape Committee.

5b. Tree Stakes in the Median – Jean Warner has noticed that there seem to be a number of trees throughout all of the Sunset Cove HOA properties that have been staked and/or wrapped for far too long. While we do not have jurisdiction for trees on private property, any trees still staked in the medians are generally considered “distressed.” It was agreed that, in general, removal of stakes enhances the beauty of the plantings. Again, this might also be a good topic for the newsletter.

5c. 2015 Annual Picnic, mentioned above under Publicity Committee, will be Sunday, September 13, at Washington Park.

5d. Observation Avenue Fire Lane – Jean Warner noted that Garden Townhome neighbors have been physically taking care of this space, as well as the grassy parking strip leading up to the fire lane, on a volunteer basis, and wondered whether the City should be responsible for maintaining the area. It seems that the City would want to have the area clear of debris in case of an emergency for needed access to the area. Eric Johnson suggested she email him about her concern, and he would make sure the proper person is made aware of it.

5e. Overnight Parking – Eric Johnson mentioned that a new parking ordinance is coming out in April, and that the Skyline HOA has received permission to restrict overnight parking – and post “No Overnight Parking” signs – along Kingsway from Skyline Way to Anaco Beach Road. After a brief discussion, it was decided that our parking restriction signs seem to do the trick, so a full-fledged legal restriction is probably not needed. Meanwhile, Eric was asked whatever became of the traffic study results for our neighborhood; he will look into it.

6. The **next meetings** are scheduled for Thursdays, April 16 and May 21, and Tuesday, June 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library.

7 The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Etsell
SCHOA Secretary/Treasurer