

Sunset Cove Homeowners' Association
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2011
Meeting Room of the Anacortes Library

MINUTES

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

Board absent: Ted Filler.

Members present: Diane Berg, Cori Nelson, Roy Raphael, Ron Telles, Bill Whittemore, and Liana Yelle.

Guest: Eric Johnson.

1. Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Paul Allen at 7:00 p.m.

2. Guest Speaker:

Barbara Ballentine introduced the guest speaker, **Eric Johnson**, who is the newest member of the Anacortes City Council, having been recently appointed to represent our ward. He has been on the Council now for four weeks, bringing not only experience from 30 years in the Air Force to the position but also involvement in many community groups, including the Anacortes Food Bank, Anacortes Family Center, and Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Johnson discussed how he recognizes that many people have a basic mistrust of government and access, and that often policies and/or procedures are "urban legend" rather than actually in writing. Some issues deserve to have more opportunity for public comment, for example. He has no immediate plans to try to change anything in the City, and believes the Anacortes Futures Project should keep moving forward. He also pointed out there seems to be an old town/new town mentality, in that Skyline is still considered "new" to many Anacortes old-timers. Barbara suggested that the City may be missing an opportunity by not reaching out to homeowners' associations (not just ours) for better communication. Ron Telles encouraged the City to maintain and/or clean up plantings in the many buffer zones.

After receiving a copy of our recent newsletter and distributing business cards, Mr. Johnson remained for the balance of the meeting.

3. Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved by the Board as written.

4. Finances:

The beginning balance for April 2011 was \$28,419.93. With expenses of \$992.13 and receivables (ARC fee received) of \$100.00 the end of the month balance was \$27,527.80. The report was approved as read. In addition, a 2011 budget tracking report for the year so far was submitted, in order to assess where we are in terms of our annual budget. The treasurer's report was approved by the Board.

5. Committee Reports:

5a. ARC – Don Berg reported that there has been no activity since last month's report.

- 5b. Landscape – Barbara Ballentine reported that there has been a lot of work done in the past month:
- 1) The gazebo has been pressure washed and re-stained;
 - 2) The Washington Boulevard median has been mulched (the front entry will be done when lavender plants are ready for transplanting); and,
 - 3) The letters regarding mowing vacant lots will be sent soon.

Several positive comments about the improvements were made by members: “the circles at the condos look great!”, “neighbors are impressed”; and “if there are fire hydrants in the median then shouldn’t it follow that there is water in the median?!”

- 5c. Publicity – Jim Nelson confirmed that the picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 at the big fire grill at Washington Park.

6. Old Business:

- 6a. Rock Wall and Easement Vacation – A brief overview of the ongoing issue was given, otherwise there was nothing new to report.

- 6b. Other – No other old business was reported.

7. New Business:

- 7a. The Chaffey home signs on the development just east of us have been removed, and foreclosure signs have been put up on each lot. It was suggested that we remain watchful as to the types of homes that may end up being built (or brought in).

- 7b. The next meeting is Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library. Discussion about moving the meeting time earlier was brief, and in the end the Board decided to leave the time at 7:00 p.m.

- 7c. Jim Nelson mentioned that the big fir tree at the top of the path was being choked off by a very large bush that just happens to be full of bees (yellow jackets). Barbara said she would ask the landscape people to take a look.

- 7d. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Etsell
SCHOA Secretary/Treasurer