



MINUTES of Annual Board Meeting

Date of Board Meeting: January 9, 2020

Attendees:

Charlene Batkins

Rai Beasley

Bonnie Bradford

Pete Colley

Mindy Fast

Nancy and Mike Hall

Gabriella Larus and Zach Gear

Mary Theresa and Joe Lee

Lisa and Jim Martin

Sandy Talmadge

Kim Via

Allan Wagner

Mitch and Tina Wilhelm

Rai began the meeting at 7 p.m. The Election of Directors was the first order of business. The slate stayed the same as last year with Rai Beasley remaining as President, Mitch Wilhelm as Vice President, Mike Hall as Treasurer, Nancy Hall as Secretary, and Pete Colley as Member at Large.

Mitch handled the budget information as Mike Hall was at another meeting. He explained the reason for increasing the HOA fees this year. In 2019 there was an increase in expenses with the crepe myrtles being trimmed by the landscaping company. Allan Wagner questioned why this wasn't approved by a vote from the membership. Rai added the explanation that the Board is able to raise the fees up to 5% without a vote from the general membership. (The By Laws can be found on the Olde Hermitage website, address listed above. An additional expense for the HOA was one extra service this past year from the landscaping company. The electric bill for the bridge lights runs about \$22 a month.

Mary Theresa asked about changing the electric lights to solar. There was some discussion about this, mentioning that solar panels would be needed and a change in the type of lamps used.

Rai brought up the work on the directory. Charlene and Mindy volunteered to get this done in 2020. Mike Hall also volunteered to help with the directory.

Rai asked about the wreaths on the bridge and it was determined that the old ones were worn out and discarded. Charlene offered to decorate the bridge next December. A motion was made and passed to allot \$50 towards the purchase of new wreaths. Mike would adjust the 2020 budget to include this.

Rai reported that we will be getting a new two-story elementary school next to Holladay E.S. that will house grades 3-5, Brookland Elementary School. Holladay will keep the K-2 students. Holladay is presently overcrowded and has multiple "cottages" behind the school. A new entrance will be made for the school off of Impala Road.

There was discussion of the creek and its problems. It was finally dredged this year which reduces flooding onto lower Penniman Place. The railings, which appear to be deteriorating, are scheduled to be replaced to halt the problem of cars being swept into the creek. The creek still overflows its

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banks partly due to a dam of fallen trees. Charlene suggested we enlist the help of a local Boy Scout Troop to help remove the downed trees.

Rai reported that he contacted the county about the flat bed tractor trailer that is frequently parked in Penniman Court. The county talked to the homeowners, explaining this is a violation of fire safety laws and the truck cannot be parked there.

Rai has worked with Dan Schmitt (Supervisor Glover's replacement) and says he is every bit as efficient and helpful as Glover.

Joe Lee reported an open pipe in the intersection of Melaway and Penniman with blue paint around it. Rai will inspect the area and report this to the county.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Nancy Hall, Secretary