

## **Briarbend Community Improvement Association**

### **Minutes October 13, 2020**

#### **By Zoom**

- I. Call to Order – Larry Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Board members present: Larry Stanton, Leigh Adkins, Tom Ehardt, Charlie Stoddard, Chad Roberts, Mary Spiller, Peter Blomquist, Conor Shary  
Members absent- Scott Summerville, James Pocza
- II. Introduction of Visitors- There were no visitors attending the meeting
- III. Reading Minutes of Preceding Meeting- Mary Spiller, Secretary reported.  
The Minutes from the September 8, 2020 were sent via email the week before the meeting. There were several minor changes to be made. The corrected Minutes were resent to the Board prior to the meeting. Chad Roberts motioned to approve the minutes, Charlie Stoddard seconded. The Minutes were approved and will be posted on the Briarbend web site.
- IV. President's Comments- Larry Stanton stated that we have quite a few of our residents who are over 65, and Flu Shots in Clinics are running short of the enhanced vaccine. We should all be getting a Flu Shot this year, and Pharmacies are a good source of these vaccines. From an article in Recycle World: There is a new enzyme that degrades plastics six times faster. This will help in the future. Larry urges us all to take advantage of our Wednesday Recycling Day. He also stressed the importance that we all VOTE. The percentage of Houston residents that will vote this year is up. There is an early voting center at Unity Church on Hillcroft and Unity. There is another center at the HCC Campus on the 610 loop. Larry said that we have had very few cases of COVID-19 in Briarbend. Since our Halloween Party is planned, we need to be aware of any restriction that Harris County may have on such get-togethers. The Board has not heard of any at this time.
- V. Reports of Committees
  - A) Vice President – Tom Ehardt- Tom, James and Leigh are gearing up for the New Directory. Leigh will provide information on recent sales of homes, over the past two years, and who to contact for information. Forms will be sent out, by block captains, soon.
  - B) Secretary – Mary Spiller – Mary asked Board Members to please read the Minutes from the previous meeting, that are sent out the week before the meeting, so that corrections can be made, and resent for approval.
  - C) Treasurer- Leigh Adkins- Leigh sent the Budget to Actual, as of September 30, 2020, information prior to the meeting (See Separate Sheet). All residents except one are current with their Annual Dues. That resident is making partial payments and will be current within the next two months. We are \$1000 under budget for Meetings because we are not meeting in person, but via Zoom. Leigh will send the Budget for 2021 to Tom and James. We have \$2500 committed for the Halloween Party. There was \$1000 committed for a Spring Party that we did not use due to cancellation. That can be added to the Halloween Party if the Board agrees to the addition. The Deals (El

Patio) is providing a Food Truck that has a \$1500 Budget. They will keep track of the expense as each transaction happens and we can cut off the food service when the limit is reached. Mary Spiller has made 60 Halloween candy filled baggies to give as favors to the children attending the party. Leigh moved that the Financial Report be approved, Charlie seconded. The motion was approved.

- D) Security – Chad Roberts- There have been several minor incidences in the neighborhood recently. James Pocza’s sister’s car was vandalized this past weekend. She left it unlocked. After review of the video film, a car could not be identified. A neighbor spoke with Larry about using 24 hour Constable coverage. They can write tickets. However it costs \$70,000 per year. We pay \$24,000 at present for our Security Patrol. Our Security Officer recently made an arrest at the Park. Our off duty Security Officers can write tickets. We will keep our Security Patrol that is already in place.
  - E) Super neighborhood - Peter Blomquist – There has been no Super Neighborhood Meetings, no report from them. Peter was interviewed for about one hour by a graduate student from TSU. The subject was the reaction of the neighborhood to the proposal for Low Income Housing that took place several years ago. Peter told him that the main reason it did not pass was the concern about how it would affect our neighborhood schools.
  - F) ACC - Scott Summerville- Scott was not present. He reported ahead of the meeting that there were no new requests to the ACC at this time.
  - G) Hospitality/Social- James Pocza – James was absent. Prior to the Meeting he reported that the Flyers for the Halloween Party and the Budget, had been sent out by Block Captains in early October. The DJ, Food Truck, Photo Booth are all booked for the Party. James has started awarding the “Yard of The Month” sign, and the first winners are the Vandergrifts, at 7931 Meadow Lake.
  - H) Legal- Charlie Stoddard – Charlie has sent out letters to all residents who have not paid their dues. Most have responded. The 2020-21 Budget was sent out to residents, and so far 28 homes have responded, that is enough for a Quorum, The Budget is approved.
  - I) At Large- Conor Shary- no report at this time.
- VII. New Business- There was no new business for discussion.
- VIII. General Discussion/Executive Session (if necessary)- no executive session was necessary.
- VIV. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Charlie made a motion to adjourn and Chad seconded. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Spiller, Secretary

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