

# MINUTES OF WILDERNESS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

**January 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilderness Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, in the home of Larry Rus. President Rus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Larry Rus, John Cusick, Phil Harlan, Dick Fankhauser, Julie Garver and Linda Liu.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the December 13, 2017, Board meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report, as prepared by John Cusick, was filed. Three property owners are currently in arrears on their 2017 dues assessments. Two of the three are carry overs from previous years. Eighty-eight property owners have paid their dues to date. The current balance sheet and year-end, as well as current, budget vs. actual revenue and expense reports were reviewed. John identified approximately \$6,000.00 left over from 2017 that can be spent on additional street lights, proactive greenbelt management, etc. No decision was made

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Greenbelt/Tree Management Update: Larry reported that two projects have recently been completed. They are the Britt property at 4430 Highline Drive and the Sherill property at 3211 Wilderness Drive.

Proactive Greenbelt Management: Phil reported on the proposal for proactive greenbelt management. He is proposing five manageable greenbelt units. One unit would be addressed each year. Those are: 1) Adjacent to Chambers neighborhood; 2) Adjacent to New Castle to the top of Highline Drive; 3) Behind Frontier Drive 4) Area adjacent to the park; and 5) Area off of Chambers Creek. To date, Phil has not classified the greenbelt areas, i.e. as grass, light forest or heavily forest.

Landscape Maintenance Contract: Dick reported that he sent out bid packages to five landscape companies this past week with a request for bids to be received no later than January 31, 2018. He also reported that South Sound Lawncare, our current contractor, recently sold his business. The purchaser is one of the five bid package holders and is anxious to bid on the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Evergreen College Forest Management Plan: Julie reported that she has been in contact with the faculty in charge of this program. The program runs quarterly, and the project areas are determined by the students/faculty. Not sure if our project will be selected or not. Julie will follow up with the College and propose that they contact Phil to make it a part of our proactive greenbelt management project. Some of the benefits of this project are to effectively manage an urban forest, do so cost effectively, identify areas to address for safety purposes, be proactive, conservation, and continue community partnerships as good neighbors.

Recognized Neighborhood Association (RNA): We received information that they are accepting grant applications for this year. Total money available is \$50,000. Linda will update current Wilderness information for their records.

Election of Officers: It was moved and seconded that the current officers be retained to serve for 2018. Those are Larry Rus, President; Linda Liu, Vice President; Dick Fankhauser, Secretary; and John Cusick, Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the home of Larry Rus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Fankhauser, Secretary