

## MINUTES OF WILDERNESS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilderness Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the home of President Larry Rus. President Rus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Larry Rus, John Cusick, Linda Liu and Phil Harlan. Dick Fankhauser, Julie Garver and Sean Griffioen were absent.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 15, 2018, Board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report, as prepared by John Cusick, was filed. Only two property owners have not paid their dues to date. In addition, one other property owner is making partial payments. The current balance sheet and year-end, as well as next year, budget vs. actual revenue and expense reports were reviewed. Funds left over in the greenbelt/tree management will be allocated at the beginning of next year, once we know for sure what is left.

### Greenbelt/Tree Management Update:

- a. The Post trees: The maple will have a large overhanging limb removed and taken away, the rest of the tree will be cut down and left in the greenbelt. One dead cedar will be dropped in the greenbelt, sectioned, and left.
- b. The trees behind Mercovich are to be evaluated by arborist, Kevin McFarland to determine if they are a hazard or not. Once his determination is made we will proceed with his recommendation.
- c. Linda and Lee Liu have a problem with a Fir growing into the back fence at 2914 Wilderness and that will be addressed by the end of January 2019.

### **Proactive Greenbelt Management:**

We know South Sound Treescapes has flagged several trees in specific areas of the greenbelt. The flags are either pink or orange. The board is waiting for his report to determine our future course of action. The bid of \$4,600.00 to do the work, covers the entire greenbelt area. The board will check in with South Sound Treescapes to get a progress report.

**Survey results on the greenbelt** had 40 respondents. Survey results are complete. There was a mix of comments. Preservation of the natural environment, safety, and sustainability of the urban forest was a common theme to many comments. Several specific recommendations were listed. It was recommended the survey should be posted on the WPOA web site and an email sent to all residents with a link to the survey. There were concerns about ivy on the trees

and trash issues in the greenbelt. These will be addressed by the board in January 2019. This motion was approved.

**Street Lighting Retrofit for 2018 Status:** The 2018 phase of retrofit is currently being processed by PSE. The people responsible for our grant (rebate) are preparing the necessary paperwork for our signature. Last year we received a \$700 rebate. This year should be similar. John indicated he doesn't think we are getting as much benefit from a financial standpoint as expected. He hopes to evaluate this further. The new lights are about half the wattage as the old HPS lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There was some discussion on Board member responsiveness to emails and phone calls.
2. Larry Rus indicated Phil was not responsive to his phone calls or emails regarding the Greenbelt project. Phil apologized for his unresponsiveness. It was agreed that board members needed to let the president know what they can do, and will do in the future.
3. President Larry Rus will be stepping down and he will send an email out to announce this fact. He will remain on the board and continue to work on the Greenbelt issues and the Lighting but cannot continue as President due to family obligations, those present thanked him for his service these last years and we are very grateful to him for all he has done. Several options for who should take over were discussed, but no conclusion was drawn.
4. Dates for the next meeting were tentatively the 9<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next Board meeting will be the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (**per Larry's email**) at Larry's house for the last time.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Liu, sub. For Secretary Dick Fankhauser