

Snee Farm Community Foundation
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2006 – Snee Farm Country Club – 5:40 PM

Minutes

Board Members Present: Jackie Walker, Lawrence Frierson, Margaret Passailaigue, Dave Ardis, Dottie Teetor, Michael Barrett, Jim Craven. **Absent:** Phil Siegrist, Jerry Barnett.

Others Present:

Administrative Asst.: Mugsy Kerr

Committee Members: Marty Boroughs

Other Foundation Members: 6 Total

Non-Foundation Members: 1 Total

Restrictions Compliance Administrator: Mike Hart

CALL TO ORDER:

-President Walker called the meeting to order.

-Standing Announcements were reviewed.

-Parliamentarian, Marty Boroughs, gave no introduction

INVITED GUEST: Mr. P.O. Mead, ISA Certified Arborist (Mead's Tree Service)

Mr. Mead provided the Board some expertise concerning the present and long-term health and survival of our neglected trees throughout the Community Common Areas, with an emphasis on the Grand Oaks. He explained that an on-going plan needs to be in place that would ensure the proper care and maintenance of our most important asset, the Grand Oaks, as well as other valued trees.

He noted various aspects such as continual evaluation of their condition, needed nutrients, aeration for the root systems to absorb the water and nutrients, pest and disease control, proper pruning for light filtration, as well as air flow to aid their survival against storm damage. He would also advise the Board of needed removals and new plantings to maintain the continuity of the allee. He would recommend individuals qualified to do the various aspects of care. His guidance would enable the Board to plan for the related budget needs. Discussion with the Board clarified that his services would be as a consultant only, and this year's budget would not allow further tree work nor contracting his services at this time; however, it is the Board's intent to work toward this goal in order that such a plan, and the needed funds were in place to begin next year. Further discussion resulted in his agreement to provide preliminary information in this regard to the Board by the September Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S TIME: No Information

MINUTES APPROVAL:

L. Frierson Motioned to Approve the June 6, 2006 Minutes; Seconded, Approved 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Restrictions

M. Hart, Compliance Administrator, reported 87 letters sent. These include actual violation and fine notices, warnings, and past due statements. Recently collected Small Claims for past due Annual Assessments and /or Restrictions fines exceeded \$3,000. Signs in the Common Areas continue to be posted including by the use of nails, etc. into our newly painted sign posts. Vehicles parking on lawns and/or overnight on the street are a problem. Over 70 hours were spent on Restrictions Compliance work in June.

M. Barrett Moved to Accept the Restrictions Report; Accepted 6-0.

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(Committee Reports Continued)

Finance:

Treasurer, M. Passailaigue, CPA, noted that we are halfway through our fiscal year and have \$140,000 in the Operating Account. Seventeen Annual Assessments are outstanding for 2006, one of which includes for 2005 and has already been filed in Small Claims. She will proceed to file the others in July. In June, as noted by M. Hart in the Restrictions Report, three Small Claims were collected that included outstanding Annual Assessments and related penalties.

D. Teetor Moved to Accept the Finance Report; Accepted 6-0.

Maintenance

Chairman Barnett was absent; J. Walker read his report. The Maintenance team handled the following items for June: Pruned a magnolia tree and two other trees on Garden Way that were blocking visibility from a side street; Pruned bushes and vines from the stop sign at Garden Way and Longpoint Rd., Changed light bulbs in the Gazebo, Reported that vandals again rolled one of our concrete benches into the lake on Casseque Province – he had difficulty retrieving the bench which was damaged. Another bench was demolished at the DeLeisseline Lake. The Town replaced a STOP sign at Casseque Prov./F.Quarter, and a speed limit sign at Garden Way. The Maint. Team worked 9 hrs. in June, saving an estimated \$450.00 – Worked a total of 82 hours since Jan. 06, saving an estimated \$8,200.

L. Frierson Moved to Accept the Maintenance Report; Accepted 6-0.

Garden & Beautification

Chairman Ardis reported that he directed the Ashcrafts to reshape the Azaleas in Liberty Court in conjunction with the previously authorized pruning, thereby providing the visibility needed for vehicle and pedestrian safety. This practice will be done in the future in the other Common Areas on a rotation basis.

L. Frierson Moved to Accept the Garden & Beautification Report; Accepted 6-0.

Security

Chairman Craven reported that young people continue to be a problem at night at the traffic circles and the Lakes. J. Walker sent a letter to Mayor Hallman and Police Chief to request a meeting regarding our concerns and desire to work together to reduce problems in Snee Farm.

M. Barrett Moved to Accept the Security Report; Accepted 6-0.

Architectural Control

Chairman Frierson had 9 submissions in June, all of which were approved.

D. Teetor Moved To Accept the Architectural Control Report; Accepted 6-0.

Special Projects

Chairman Frierson reported the following. 1. The CR-O zoning classification passed Council unanimously at the June Council meeting. 2. Whipple Rd. Widening – based on our request for options to the Town's initial plan of no traffic signal, they have advised that the traffic count does not warrant a light. We are still awaiting the conceptual roundabout plan. 3. The quote to properly repair the outside floor areas at the Gazebo is approx. \$4,000. Discussion by the Board resulted in determining that repairing the floor was a critical need due to the safety aspect.

M. Barrett Moved to Accept the Special Projects Report, and Motioned to proceed with the Gazebo project; Seconded, Report Accepted and Motion Carried 6-0.

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OTHER REPORTS OR INFORMATION:

Legal Matters – No report

Administrative Assistant – Attempts are being made to secure a location for the Sept. Annual Mtg.

Web Site - J. Walker asked the Board to review the website and give her any new information.

Sign Boards – Dottie asked the board to contact her if they have any ideas for the signboards.

BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS – Board:

M. Passailaigue shared information from her prior conversations with Mr. P. O. Mead to include that we could expect his annual fee as a consultant to run approx. \$5,000. The Beautification Committee stressed the importance of the need to hire the best Arborist possible to guide the present and future Boards in the long term planning for the care of our trees.

M. Passailaigue Motioned that we move forward in discussion with P.O. Mead to reach an agreement to contract his services in planning and supervision of the care and maintenance of our trees; Seconded, Motion Carried 5-1; L. Frierson abstained.

NEW BUSINESS – Foundation Members Concerns:

T. Schmidt – shared his thoughts & personal experience regarding property owners being utilized to perform needed work on Community projects, at no cost except exemption from the Annual Assessment.

J. Craven Motioned to Adjourn Meeting at 7:20 PM; Seconded, Motion Carried 6-0.

Prepared By: Mugsy Kerr

APPROVED August 1, 2006 at the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting.

Attested To By: Dottie Teetor
Secretary