

SNEE FARM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
April 7, 2015 – Snee Farm Country Club – 5:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES

President Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Board Members Present: Jackie Walker, Mario Rasgo, Dorothy Clinton, Dottie Teetor, Brian Eanes, Margaret Passailaigue, Don Campbell. **Absent:** Barney Lynch, Ed Hutson.

Others Present: Debbie Rogers, A-Plus Property Management
Michael Hart, Restrictions Compliance
Jerry Barnett, Security Chair

Minutes Approved – March 3, 2015 Reg. Mo. Meeting - Electronically on or before April 7, 2015

Invited Guest – None

President's Comments – None

Restrictions

Don reported a spike in reminder letters - 46 letters for fines and 75 reminder letters sent. With the advent of spring clean-up, many were related to improper handling of yard debris. Don received 13 phone calls; all but three were resolved.

Finance

Debbie reported \$62,296 collected in March - \$60,000 of it for assessments. Thirty-three letters and statements were mailed. Those with balances from last year go right to Tier 3 letters - \$900 has been processed for April. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of sending letters (from the attorney) to homeowners who are in foreclosure. Language will have to be determined.

Margaret presented and reviewed the proposed budget providing comprehensive detail regarding the process including some of the governing factors - vendor contracts, and actual cost increases of about 5%, versus the official CPI figure of 1.7% that could only be applied. She also noted outstanding Accounts Receivable being a hindrance in being able to fully and/or timely plan/fund some of the Foundation needs. It is very important that the Board utilize all resources to collect what is owed to it.

The need now exists to begin a new program of hand pruning the Formosa Azaleas according to proper horticultural guidelines for their appearance, health/longevity. This process needs to be done in phases relative to timing and funding. In order to allocate funds now under Landscape to begin this Program, other landscape projects will need to wait. This first phase of the pruning will be done in a specific area(s) to provide a cost basis for planning future phases.

The consensus of the Board is that maintenance for existing features of value should take precedence over new projects. There are 43 acres of common property to be cared for that play a huge role in maintaining our property value.

The Whipple Road Fence Project is funded from the Capital Improvement Fund, therefore, not included under Total Expenses.

Margaret made a Motion that we adopt the budget as presented, including this Formosa Azalea Pruning Program; Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

A copy of the budget is available to the Foundation members only upon request to A-Plus Property Management.

Maintenance

Jackie reported for Barney:

- Removing the Alligator Weed is ongoing. Some of this was done in March but it will be finished in April.
- Rob advised that the 200 Carp put in several years ago are reaching their life expectancy of quality control - their metabolism slows down causing them to eat less algae. He has recommended that we repeat the process of adding 200 this year with lesser numbers needing to be added over the next four years. The order has been placed to ensure that they can be delivered/launched on the schedule needed, approx. mid-April, to ensure their survival.
- Duckweed was sprayed on #2 and #3 to prevent it from washing into the system. Shoreline weeds are coming to life and being sprayed this week all around the lakes property.

Diana and Jerry were able to report the following projects completed:

- Street Sign on Liberty Circle was repaired and painted.
- Power washed the section of sidewalk in New Charlestowne Park that was not new.
- Cleaned out and washed the four birdhouses on Casseque Province. Removed the remaining eight wooden birdhouses on Farm Quarter and DeLeisseline and replaced them with the same style/material to match the ones on Casseque.

Note - Electrical information obtained from Ed following the meeting:

- The second street lamp on Garden Way off of Longpoint Rd. was retro-fitted with an LED providing much better illumination.
- The street lamp in the front entrance island off of Hwy. 17 was repaired (damaged line).
- SCE&G is still working to replace bad cables on Ambassador Way and Farm Quarter Rd.

Landscape

Dottie reported that the Ashcrafts finished cleaning the curbs at the front entrance and have been dealing with the prolific quantity of leaves in that area. Along with their regular maintenance, they also finished cleaning up the debris generated from the redo of New Charlestowne Park. They have completed the annual pruning of the roses throughout Snee Farm.

Jackie advised that there was confusion over which alligator had been recently caught, and stated that the process for Alligator management needed to be followed consistently once reported to us. A-Plus is the contact and handles the administrative process with the DNR, which includes timely return of the annual report of removals, and unused Tags for the current year in order that new ones be requested for the coming season; and, if needed during the season, obtain an additional tag(s) to have on hand.. Careful evaluation of the need to remove an alligator must always be applied including obtaining qualified assistance to advise and/or remove. The Board (President, or its designated individual) must be abreast and involved in this activity.

Security

Jerry reported it being a quiet month. There were 7 incident reports:

1. Domestic Issue.
2. Theft of real-estate leases from a vehicle.
3. Theft of jewelry from a home during renovation.
4. A Traffic Accident at Ambling Way that demolished a mailbox post, and the vehicle landing on its side, without injuries.

The other three reports were for Domestic Issues in the Villas.

Architectural

Jackie reported a high volume of submissions keeping the Committee very busy.

Communications

Mario reported:

- Website updates made.
- Two email blasts were sent – one for the JME-K open-house. The other to address garbage, trash, and debris in street related issues – following this one, he received communication from an owner on Audubon Place advising that the condition of that road hindered clean-up efforts there. Jackie will review this with the Town.
- He is working on an e-blast regarding wildlife in SF to coincide with the installation of related language on the signboards.
- Another is being planned regarding pets.

Jackie provided a copy from the Town's website regarding tree removal asking that he evaluate and incorporate anything applicable and/or supplement the ACC information on our site.

Other Reports & Unfinished Business

Jackie reported:

- SCDOT Traffic Sign missing from Longpoint Rd. before turning right into Garden Way is on order; and the Sight Line Issue on Long Point Rd. relative to both entrances is being evaluated.
- Planters Curve – Buckled Asphalt adjacent to 1040 Royalist Rd. is again being evaluated by the Town.
- Contracts for Private Use of the Gazebo are being updated. Non property owners must pay a fee to use.
- Civic Organizational signs on Hwy. 17 near the front entrance will finally be moved elsewhere in Mt. Pleasant (likely Coleman Blvd.)
- Whipple Road Fencing Phase II letter draft was reviewed and will soon be sent to the property owners adjacent to where it will be constructed.
- Comcast Easement Agreement should soon be ready for signatures.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Prepared by Dorothy Clinton

Approved Electronically on or by May 5, 2015

Attested to by Jackie Walker, President