



Foxhall Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 26, 2022
Kolibas' Barn 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

John McKinnon, Secretary
Greg Darnell, Treasurer
Andrew Kolibas, Vice President
Karen Dillon
Katie Bundtrock

Foxhall Members in Attendance:

Call to Order (Andrew)

Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2022 Minutes (Andrew)

Motion: Approve minutes of FCA Board Meeting dated April 1, 2022. Moved to approve by Greg. Seconded by Katie. Discussion: None. Result: motion approved

Verify members in attendance for minutes (John)

No members were in attendance.

Selection/Assignment of Board Positions (all)

Andrew will become President, Katie will be Vice President, Karen will be Member at Large/Facilities, Greg will continue as Treasurer, and John will continue as Secretary. Members will support each other in learning new positions and fill in for each other when schedule conflicts arise. The board will try to locate and revise or create a schedule or calendar of board duties to assist board members in their planning. The board discussed how Board contact information is provided on the website. There was concern that phone numbers generate spam calls. The board also discussed pros and cons of distributing community contact info for emergency use.

Budget Process (Greg)

Greg reviewed last year's sequence of meetings and mailings. He also explained how assessment levels, including yearly dues, are part of the budget process. Greg pointed out that because the fiscal year ends in October, whereas the budget must be prepared in July, many budget items cannot be accurately estimated until well after the budget is adopted. Some large budget items, such as insurance premiums and mowing expenses cannot be known at the time of the budgeting process. When projecting the cost of budget items, it is necessary to assume cost increases. As costs rise, assessments must keep pace. Greg gave a summary of past dues increases and the average increase per year (5.33% per year from 1980-2021). He advised the board to consider more frequent, but smaller, increases in dues.

The board also discussed what to do with budget surpluses, when or if they should happen. For example, since the surplus from the 20/21 budget can be identified, John proposed that it be divided between the picnic shelter and reserve accounts – items that were approved in that year's budget. Otherwise those funds get carried over in the balances of our checking and savings accounts and may not serve the priorities of the budget that created them.

The board also discussed the possibility of creating a capital improvement account or rainy day fund as possible repositories of budget surpluses or annual contributions.

Options for collection of unpaid dues and assessments (Greg)

Foxhall bylaws allow liens to be initiated on properties that are unpaid after four months. In practice, the board has been allowing at least 12 months. The next step in current lien will cost \$3000. We may have a precedent for negotiating a settlement with homeowner. Greg will talk to Bert about how the board acted in his time as president. John can check the board records for what is necessary to create a more favorable status for liens placed by our association. Other options: collection agencies – at cost of 25% - not feasible for us; dunning agencies charge a fee of \$250 to the property. Both options report to credit agencies, and therefore carry some weight that the lien process does not have. Greg quoted some research that showed acting sooner on delinquent accounts results in greater success.

Member Survey Results (Greg)

Greg briefly summarized survey results. Board members will review survey through google docs and suggest board responses to comments. Katie expressed her enthusiasm for additional paving at park 2 for access and perhaps trail. The board discussed potential uses of the playground, the increased number of kids living in the neighborhood, etc.

Old Business

- Road Signs – Karen will look for appropriate signs to add to private roads
- ACC will provide some form of communication to inform members of how they have acted on covenant interpretations, particularly regarding fencing.

New Business

- Greg spoke to mowing contractor regarding status of tree protection at the park – no weed trimming has been done in two years, therefore concern over damage to tree trunks from string trimmers is not relevant at this time.
- The email accounts for Board members will be reassigned, as needed, and archiving of the old accounts will be explored.
- Greg suggested that the facility used by local Toastmasters may provide a good option for meetings that combine both remote and in-person attendance.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Board of Directors Meeting: June 17, zoom – agenda?
- Board of Directors Meeting: July 7, zoom
- First budget mailing: July 10
- Board of Directors Meeting: August 4th, zoom
- Second budget mailing: August 10,
- Foxhall Picnic: TBD
- Budget Ratification Meeting: August 30, park

Katie moved to adjourn, Karen seconded, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Member Comments

None.

Approved June 17, 2022