



Foxhall Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2024
Zoom 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Katie Bundtrock, President
 John McKinnon, Secretary
 Karen Dillon, At-large/Facilities
 Dave Fleming, Vice President
 Alan Vaughn, Treasurer

Foxhall Members in Attendance:

Denise Solveson
 Tam Findley
 Donna Bosshard
 Pamela Wimer
 Laura Nolting
 Doug Dyjak
 Greg Darnell
 Susan Veis
Guest: Ken Nelson, President of Forest Park neighborhood association

Call to Order (Katie)

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. via zoom.

Standing Rules (Dave)

Foxhall HOA Bd mtg standing rules:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ASKED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING STANDING RULES FOR CONDUCT OF A FOXHALL HOA BOARD MEETING:

- 1. The meeting will be held on Zoom and the meeting will be recorded,*
- 2. The president will be the chair of the meeting and will recognize members as necessary for participation in the meeting,*
- 3. The first article of business will be adoption of the AGENDA. The tentative agenda will be prepared by the Secretary and finalized during adoption. Once the agenda is adopted it will be subject to amendment on motion of a member or as raised by the chair and approved by a majority vote.*
- 4. Please respect others and speak one at a time*
- 5. To speak you must be recognized by the Chair.*
- 6. Each item on the agenda is limited to a maximum 10 minutes unless there is a motion to continue discussion which is approved by a majority.*
- 7. Issues which are brought up to discuss and not specifically part of the agenda will be limited to a ten minute discussion*
- 8. Discussion will move on to the next agenda item after the expiration of a time limit.*
- 9. Non Board member participation*
 - a. At the close of regular business each audience member may speak once for a maximum of three minutes.*
 - b. During the Meeting the Chair may recognize a non-board member for participation on certain issues for which they are responsible to the HOA. For Example the chair may recognize the Trails committee chair for reporting on trail issues.*

Karen moved, Katie seconded, rules adopted unanimously.

Agenda (Dave)

Adopt the agenda as read Moved by Dave, seconded by Katie, passed.

Guest: Forest Park Homeowners Group President

Ken Nelson, president

There are 47 properties in their neighborhood association.

They maintain eight acres of common area. The common areas consist of their storm water/evacuation pond, community septic drain field and drainage swales. Mowing 2 to 3 times/year is the principal maintenance expense.

Dues are \$200/yr., the maintenance component is \$100 of total assessment.

Their covenants allow no farm animals and a maximum of 2 dogs and 2 cats.

They distribute two communications (newsletters?) per year.

Ken is aware of the fence issues we have experienced along our trails. Their covenants specify cedar fences if they are located on property lines.

Greg asked about permission to cut trees leaning over the fence from their common area near the drain field.

Ken had no objection to cutting anything hanging over the fences.

January 11, 2024 Minutes (John)

The minutes were read by John.

Motion: Approve minutes of FCA Board Meeting dated January 11, 2024; Moved by Dave. Seconded by Karen. Discussion: None. Result: motion approved unanimously.

Verify members in attendance for minutes (John)

Five board members, eight community members, and one guest were in attendance.

Facilities Update (Karen)

1. Mowing Contracts

- "Request for Bids" have been released - one for mowing the trails, the other for mowing parks, pond and for upkeep at the front entrance. The "Request for Bids" are very similar to previous years, with a few items added to the "Parks/Pond/Front Entrance" document:

- a. Weed whacking on the back of the pond, and along the fences of the pond
- b. Weed whacking along Canyon trail (where there are many stinging nettles)
- c. Periodic upkeep of the front entrance.

Proposals are due 3/1; a decision to be made by 3/31.

- These bid requests have been posted on our website and on the two Facebook pages. They have also been sent to our current contractors - Jeff Buelow and Steve Stentz. Jeff has already responded.

2. Park 1 "Reserved Parking" sign vandalized

- These are the signs to reserve spaces for disabled parking.

- One of the signs was snapped in half vertically - looks intentional. (The other sign on the pole was not damaged. There aren't any tire tracks on the ground).

- These signs currently are heavy plastic.

- Karen will buy metal signs for additional durability.

3. Vegetation along our roads

- There are places along our roads, primarily on the curves on Foxtrail Dr., where the vegetation on the shoulders reduces visibility and safety for pedestrians and drivers.

- Several students walk to/from the bus stops at these places.

- Sam Bloom (from County's Traffic Calming department) confirmed that he will be driving our roads in the next few weeks and will let me know which sections of our roads need trimming.

- Our road easements are 60 feet wide – 30 feet measured from center of the roadway. Foxtrail is a county road and may trim back vegetation within the easement if the landowner does not choose to.

- Karen will let the community know where trimming is recommended.

4. Summarizing Last's Meeting's Presentation on Traffic Calming

- A brief summary was included with the January minutes and a more extensive recap will be posted on the website.

5. Our Bus Stops

- At our last Board meeting, we discussed our bus stops during the "Traffic Calming" Presentation.
- The plan is to collect data on the number of our students who ride the buses, as well as a projection for how many we think will be riding the buses.
- For the traffic safety issues, Becky Conn (who attended our board meeting from the County) said she can help us work with the school's transportation group.
- Katie, Penny Goode and Karen are working on a survey.
- Reflective dots are going to be placed in the fall. The three curves on Foxtrail Dr. are the places identified for this.
- Katie asked if residents can add their own lights to illuminate the roadway. The ACC might need to approve, if at all.

Old Business

Adopt fencing guidelines (John and Dave)

Dave moved to adopt the guidelines for new or replacement fencing bordering Foxhall trails. Discussion: Karen asked about how we would advertise these and when they would take effect. They will be posted on the website and mentioned in the upcoming newsletter. They will take effect immediately. Katie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Summary of Meeting with Insurance Agent (Alan and Dave)

Agent confirmed that our policy has no gaps for our liability coverage, including trail usage, and that we have done well to provide signage and upkeep. He confirmed that we should accommodate the mobility of resident by allowing use of a golf cart.

Susan asked about the origin of the rule prohibiting motorized vehicles. There was no definitive answer, but it was attributed to the by-laws. Greg noted that we have a statement from the underwriter that references types of vehicles allowed.

Motion to approve golf cart on trails for member with need for mobility aid (Dave)

Various issues were raised in response to this request: Speed limit, vehicle type, which trails to access, and legal rights of disabled homeowner.

Motion: Table the topic for next month. Moved by Dave, seconded by Katie, passed unanimously.

Dave will contact the homeowner who asked for this permission.

Discussion of Trail Use Guidelines for revision

Dave moves that we clarify that dawn to dusk as one half hour after sunset. John seconds, passed unan.

The leash law is already applicable. We will match the language of the Thurston County ordinance. We will add this topic to the newsletter.

Status of Dead End signs

Since our motion to replace the signs did not include the cost of new posts, Karen will get a quote that includes the replacement of posts and the labor to accomplish the installation.

New Business

February mailing: The first mailing will invite nominations for the board election and include a newsletter of community news.

We will ask for a March 13 deadline for nominations.

A survey for the March mailing was discussed. No action was proposed.

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors Meetings: Second Thursdays of each month

- March 14
- April 11
- May tbd

Member Comments

One community member asked if our board members asked our insurance agent if trail is usage is insured for all parties. A board member responded that we asked our agent and were assured by him that we have that coverage. The community member stated that they do not think it is possible to have adequate coverage for the price of our premium.

Another community member expressed the opinion that the person requesting permission to use a golf cart on the trails has every right to do so. This opinion was based on their interpretation of covenant language and legal opinions and arguments from a previous lawsuit.

A third community member commented on the mix of uses permitted on our trails and stressed that we should consider the safety of all users, including walkers who encounter large animals or various types of vehicles, motorized or not.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes approved at Board of Directors Meeting: March 14, 2024