



Foxhall Community Association
Membership Meeting and Board Election
April 29, 2022
South Bay Elementary School 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Robert Jackson, President
John McKinnon, Secretary
Elaine Vaughn, Facilities/At Large
Greg Darnell, Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

Andrew Kolibas, Vice President

Foxhall Members in Attendance:

25 members representing 20 properties were present in person
7 properties represented by proxy

Member Sign-in

Community members signed in and received one ballot for each property.

Call to Order

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Bob indicated that speakers will be limited to two minutes each.

Bob confirmed that a quorum was present with more than 12 properties represented.

October 1, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were read by John.

Motion: Approve minutes of FCA Budget Meeting dated October 1, 2021. Moved by Bob. Seconded by the board. Discussion: None. Result: motion approved unanimously

Recognize Outgoing Board Members

Greg thanked Bob and Elaine for their service to the community. Certificates were presented, Bob received a plaque for his six years on the board, and each board member received a handmade wooden coaster.

Candidate Introductions

Bob called on Katie Bundrock and Karen Dillon to introduce themselves.

Voting

John introduced the tellers (Maggie Bell-McKinnon, Susan Veis, and Deanna Jackson) and explained the voting and counting process.

John invited voting to begin.

After about ten minutes, Bob called an end to voting.

The tellers took the ballots to begin the counting procedure.

Facilities Update

Elaine noted that a Port-a-Potty for park 1 will be coming in May.

Nothing to report about the proposed spraying of park one to address the weeds.

Picnic Shelter Update

Greg reported that \$6400 has been raised in the current in fundraising effort. There were still dollars remaining in the matching pledge.

Approximately \$19000 is needed to complete the structure due to inflation.

Almost \$20 K has been raised from donations to date.

Financial Update

Greg reported \$31,700 in general funds,

He explained that the timing of the budget process requires that we use estimates rather than firm bids. This is because we cannot easily get firm bids in the summer for work that will take place in the coming year. Also, expenses such as mowing, trail maintenance and snow plowing are variable due to weather conditions.

Greg discussed insurance premiums and that the lawsuits against the Association caused our previous insurer to drop us and our current insurer to charge a much higher premium. Greg was able to cancel the more costly coverage and purchase new coverage as soon as five years had passed since the lawsuit claims.

Greg discussed how dues will likely need to increase in order to keep up with rising costs.

Also, the Reserve Fund is currently at 40% of full funding. The Board passed a Resolution stating the goal of achieving at least 70% of full funding by 2032. Building the Reserve Fund is a significant part of the budget and a consequence of many years of not setting enough aside to account for the depreciation of Foxhall infrastructure assets.

Greg described how our budget process will take place earlier than previous years in order to meet the requirements of the revisions in state law governing homeowner associations. The board will create a proposed budget, taking into account information gained from the member survey. The proposed budget will be distributed to the membership for comment. The board will then adopt a budget to present to the membership for ratification.

Jessica Bradley applauded the board's work on budget.

Trails Committee Report

Jessica recognized the community and volunteers who have contributed to rehabilitating and maintaining trails. The trails are a great asset for community. She encouraged more members to volunteer and to perhaps promote trail use through new types of community activities such as group rides or nature walks.

Greg added that property values may benefit by as much as \$100,000 in assessed value per lot because of our trail system.

Bob added his own appreciation for the work of the trail volunteers.

Board Election Results

Bob read vote totals as follows:

With 14 in-person ballots and eight proxy ballots cast, Katie Bundtrock received 22 votes and Karen Dillon received 21 votes. Bob welcomed them as our new board members.

New Business

None.

Rob Armstrong pointed out the display created by the Trails Committee and invited people to take some cookies.

Jessica Bradley invited volunteers to sign up at the display table.

Theresa Lowe expressed her opinion that spreading gravel on the trails has an adverse impact on water quality. Other members offered opinions on the impact of using gravel on the trails.

Karen Dillon described the work of the trails committee to repair a serious erosion problem on the camp trail. They not only repaired the damage to the trail, but took measures to prevent future washouts.

Jessica highlighted the role of installing and maintaining culverts to keep water in appropriate channels.

Cindy Coble expressed her feeling that gravel is ecologically appropriate on the trails.

Donna Bosshard expressed her wish that future large projects (like the picnic shelter) should receive explicit approval through a vote of the membership.

Dave Fleming explained the history of the shelter funding decision and its rationale.

Greg further detailed the history of the fundraising efforts for the picnic shelter.

Board Schedule

Board of Directors Meeting tbd

Jessica moved to adjourn, Lauren seconded

Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved 8/30/2022