



**Foxhall Community Association
Board Meeting
February 13, 2020
South Bay Fire Department**

Board Members Present:

Robert Jackson, President
Andrew Kolibas, Vice President
Don Noyes, Treasurer
Judith M. Anderson, Secretary
Greg Darnell, Facilities

Foxhall Members in Attendance:

Donna Bosshard
Paul Carlson
Deanna Jackson
Theresa Lowe
Kit Metlen
Denise Solvenson

Call to Order

Robert called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

January 15, 2020 Minutes

DECISION: Moved to approve January 15, 2020 with administrative changes. Seconded.
Approved unanimously.

Insurance Follow-up

Greg reported he still has not heard back from the insurance agent. No report.

Facilities Update

Greg will begin the process of sending out inquiries for bids on the mowing contracts. If anyone knows of possible contacts, please send him that information.

Foxhall Website

Greg reported that he has been unable to meet with Kyrsten in person. There are still questions about changing over to SquareSpace instead of staying with WIX. At this time, Kyrsten has withdrawn from working on the update of the Foxhall Website.

Greg feels that he and Rob Armstrong can revise the current Foxhall website on WIX, the Board needs to identify what they want on the website. The Board would like to update the visuals and making it

intuitive and easy to use. Lisa Spector may still be interested in helping. Suggestion is to create a small ad hoc committee to review the site and make recommendations to the Board after the April elections.

Don would want assurances that there isn't a single point of failure (Only one person with administrative rights and keep it up to date at all times.

ACTION ITEM: Identify functions that the website needs and work with new Board to update the look, feel and content.

PSE/Potlco Letter

A letter has been sent to PSE opening up the discussion regarding the project and anticipated repairs.

Andrew has been in contact with the contractors and they have stopped work until the rainy season stops. They will also patch up the roads and driveways as they complete their tasks and come back in the spring/summer to make the repairs final.

They have already taken away the porta potty and repaired the parking lot near Park I. It is not known when they will return to finish the project.

April Membership meeting – Elections

Greg has been to all the schools around the area. SouthBay and Chinook have no dates available. The Grange and the North Thurston High School Performing Arts Center both cost \$250 to rent. The North Thurston High School Cafeteria is available and free as is Andrew's Barn.

Judith reported that she would like the first mailing to go out in early March asking for nominations and also include the new trial guidelines. She will choose a date for nominations to be returned to her along with their short paragraphs. The second mailing with Greg's survey will go out late March or early April, all within the timelines dictated in the RCW and Bylaws.

The Board reviewed both the memo regarding the elections and Greg's survey and suggested changes.

DECISION: Book the NTHS Cafeteria. It provides adequate parking, lights and though not optimal, will work for the meeting. Judith will bring a sound system and the school will provide chairs and tables. Greg to finalize for April 23, 2020 opening at 6:45 p.m. for setup. First mailing out in early March, second mailing out in late March or early April.

New Business

The shelter project needs to be activated. The weather is getting better and an ad hoc committee of volunteers can begin the process of looking at designs, costs and locations. The survey contains a section asking for volunteers for the project. After the survey responses are in, then the Board can move forward with getting the ad hoc committee together.

There were several trees down on the trails after the storm and have been cleaned-up. Judith reported that the generator on the large well by her house did not go on when the lights went out in the neighborhood. It was reported and repair work has begun.

There was extensive flooding at Park I and Greg would like to experiment with digging a small ditch in that area that will go directly to the culvert. If it works, Greg can smooth it out and plant grass in it to help with absorption. The culvert needs some cleaning which he will also do.

The retention pond worked very well during the heavy rains. The back fence still needs to be tighten and the Board needs to determine what type of gates they want installed.

Andrew reported that the Canyon Trail held up during the rains. At one time the stream was up but he runs the trail almost daily and the canyon usually absorbed the rains quickly.

DECISION: The Board approved Greg creating a small ditch to drain rainwater away from Park I field and into the culvert.

Several months ago, two trail signs were stolen (4 corners and Blackberry Trail) about the same time other trail signs were defaced. Recently a rider noticed something in one of our culverts and when she investigated it was the two signs. The signs have been returned to the trial committee.

Don noted that several trees at the lower entrance have been marked with caution tape. He would like to know who determined they were dangerous and any response the Board needs to take. Greg referred to the Dangerous Tree Policy that was written and approved by the HOA Board on November 2016 which the Board referred to during the discussion. The trees in question are mostly on County property (which do not come out to take down trees) but some are on a homeowner's property. Under the Dangerous Tree Policy, it is up to the Trail Committee to work with the homeowner on identifying dead or dying trees that may impact the trails or roads, but there is nothing we can do about trees on County property. Greg talked with the County and they noted that if we wanted to remove the trees, we would probably need a permit and to leave the stumps to help keep the hillside in place.

Paul and Rob marked the trees as a safety issue, since some of the Northern trees will fall on the trail.

DECISION: Though these trees may pose a future hazard, most are on County Land the rest on a homeowner's land and not the responsibility of the Board. The Trails committee can work with the homeowners if they can identify exactly which trees are on their property.

Other Business

None.

Board Schedule (January – April/June)

March 5, 2020 – South Bay Fire Department

April 23, 2020 - NTHS Cafeteria - TENTATIVE

May 7, 2020 – South Bay Fire Department

June 11, 2020 – South Bay Fire Department

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Questions from the Audience

More discussion concerning the insurance and coverage of the trials. After much debate it was determined that the Board has asked the insurance company representative if the trails are covered and they have confirmed this.

Approved March 5, 2020