

Minutes of the Sonora HOA Board of Directors Meeting
RH Johnson Rec. Center SOCIAL HALL on November 5, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

President Jeannette Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. All members of the Board were present. Additionally, there were 52 homeowner and 2 tenants in attendance.

Secretary Brenda Melcher made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021 Board meeting; the motion was seconded by Karen Smith and minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Karen Smith then presented the 2022 budget. She went through each section of the Expenses and the Reserves of the proposed budget. She announced that the HOA fees would be increased from \$90 to \$100/month. Barb Bruno made the motion to approve the budget; Brenda Melcher seconded. Budget was approved unanimously. *(The budget will be placed on the website).*

The following **Committee reports** were presented by their chairpersons:

Activities:

- Jeannette Oliver reported on the Halloween Fest and thanked all who planned and participated.
- The next holiday celebration will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 2:00 p.m. There will be a parade of decorated golf carts followed by gathering at the Via Montoya cul-de-sac. More details will follow in the November Newsletter.
- Other activities under consideration include a garage/yard sale in January and possibly a dance party later in 2022.

Landscape: Leonard Maclaurin indicated that he was asked previously where information comes from related to the water situation. He gave an explanation of sources and outlined what conditions brought us to the water situation we are now facing in AZ.

Leonard reminded homeowners not to plant anything without HOA approval and that not every plant needs water. Overwatering is wasteful and can cause Texas root rot. Leonard also suggested that we need as many trees as possible since they shade the home and reduce energy needed for cooling. Leonard made a motion to include the **desert willow tree** in our approved plant list. Brenda Melcher amended the motion to state that the question of inclusion of the desert willow on our approved plant list will be placed on the 2022 ballot. Barb Bruno seconded. The motion passed unanimously to place it on the 2022 ballot.

Nominating Committee: Brenda Melcher reported that only one potential HOA Board Member candidate for the 2022 election has been identified. She reminded the homeowners that there was still time to indicate an interest in serving on the Board or to nominate someone to do so. Leonard MacLaurin's term will expire this year.

Barb Bruno wanted to make a statement to clarify an issue that has arisen in the HOA area: Landscaping on the entryway to our subdivision at Via Montoya and Executive was provided by volunteers and donations including maintenance.

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Painting:

Barb Bruno reported that about 60 houses have been painted to date. The painters are going back to touch up any areas that need it. Although members of the Paint Committee check each house after it is painted, homeowners should also do an inspection and let Barb know of any issues. November 15th is the firm deadline for homeowners to change any selection of colors. Mailboxes will be painted as painters have time during the painting process, not necessarily as they paint the house. Jim DeWitt has volunteered to paint the mailbox's red flag for any homeowner who will give permission for him to enter the mailbox.

Architectural Review

Three ARC requests have been made since the last meeting involving installation of pavers in the courtyard and surrounding areas. Requests were given unanimous approval.

Old Business

Neighborhood Watch: Jeannette Oliver reported that, although not in our neighborhood specifically, there has been an uptick in crime in SCW. She stated that we have completed 77 homeowner contacts with only 2 of those indicating "not interested." Contacts are continuing until all are completed and Jeannette expressed appreciation for all the Neighborhood Watch Team volunteers and to the homeowners.

Homeowner Comments

Several homeowners addressed the Board with requests and questions related to posting the watering schedule on the website, dissatisfaction with the billboards on the 303, construction noise of the equipment on Deer Valley, and gravel replacement (*done by zone in December*) and tree trimming (*done in January and February*).

Board Comments

- Jeannette Oliver gave special recognition to Leonard Maclaurin for his many years of service on the HOA Board and appreciation for his expertise in his role as Landscape lead. Leonard and his wife, Joan, will be leaving the area later this month for their new home near their children in Texas.
- Jeannette presented a American Heart Association HeartSaver Hero Award to homeowner and current Landscape chairperson Jim DeWitt for performing CPR on resident Blain Speese after he suffered a heart attack in front of his home. Following this, Blain made a personal presentation of his own creation of a two-piece wooden heart stitched together with leather in appreciation of Jim's role in saving his life. Jim recommended that other homeowners learn this life-saving technique.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting will be Friday, January 14, 2022 at 1:30
at the RH Johnson Rec. Center's Lecture Hall.***