

DAC MTG – Highlands

February 11, 2020

Present: Board Members Deborah Woods, Barbara Young, Susan Pastorini, and George Walsh with Board member candidate Leslie Lambert along with 18 residents from the Highlands.

Guest Garry Ashby representing Villages Board Liaison Julie Walsh also attended.

Meeting began at 6:07 p.m., led Barbara Young.

- Barbara introduced herself and Deborah Woods as the temporary chairs for the Highlands DAC, replacing David Sears who died November 2019. She expressed gratitude for his conscientious service to the Highlands DAC over the years. Barbara introduced Gary Ashby who gave us a report from the Villages Board.

Garry Ashby

- **Budget** – An ALL DAC budget meeting was held on January 10.

Drivers – lowest unemployment in years, and labor and materials price increases, aging infrastructure, insurance costs, reserve funding strength challenges.

Operating Expense Initial Estimates of Increases – Insurance placeholder of 15%, water 8%, garbage 5%, Repairs and Maintenance 3-4%, Pest Control 2-3%, legal fees up, Landscape 4%, G & A transfers 4-5%, Utilities up.

Reserves – plumbing replacements are increasing; sewer line lateral replacements in all districts, and sewer line street main replacements (Sonata, Del Lago, Heights, Highland, Glen Arden, and Valle Vista); increasing building repair budgets due to termites, dry rot, attic work, and water leak damage; handrail and walkway safety improvements, consultant fees...

Approved the Transfer of Funds for Partial Payment of Outstanding Loan – second payment of \$100,000 towards the loan for the purchase of the 2019-2020 insurance policies. The loan balance of \$398,988 must be completely repaid by June 2020.

All Villages are ready for 2nd round of painting. Consultants will let us know when to reroof/paint.

Landscape contract (Brightview) has improved. Many of the employees are bussed in, please be courteous to them.

Elections for Villages Board are nearing – people are needed to run for these positions!

Smoke Detectors – use lithium batteries which are good for 10 years.

Other

Mail – comes between 7:30 – 10 p.m. Mail personnel are working double shifts because there are no people to hire. This is happening in other areas, Willow Glen for example.

Trash – George Walsh

- George is currently working on getting better and more signage for garbage areas. He will make temporary signs, then submit a proposal to the architectural committee. Highlands could be the prototype for this trash system.
- People are putting large items in the recycle bins. Please let your contractors know that they may not use the garbage areas!
- Put clippings in plastic bag – put in a work order for maintenance to pick up
- Green Team has arranged to clean out garbage bin areas. All bins should remain closed.
- Why is the garbage system counterintuitive? White bin for recycle and green bin for garbage???

Happy Hour and Lighting – Deborah Woods

- Deborah will host one Happy Hour and one Hamburger BBQ this summer at the Gazebo. There will be a small charge to residents, food will be procured from Costco, George and others will barbeque!!
- A lighting consultant has been hired to check on replacing and making our lights taller and more effective. More information will follow.

Announcements

- Nance Reid thanked everyone (on behalf of Sheryl Ruth and Nikki Noce) for their help with Christmas decorations at the front of Highlands.
- VMA will host Lunch Buddies on Feb. 27th for people who are shut in and don't have much family near by. It's a nice way for people to enjoy a meal together. Sign up or spread the news. You can volunteer to be a driver or accompany someone to the lunch.
- There was a request for the 9-1-1 line at Vineyard Pool to go directly to 9-1-1. Swimmers called when they saw a man lying at the bottom of the swimming pool. Because contact to 9-1-1 could not be made by calling Public Safety, people had to stand outside the pool, wave down a car, procure a cell phone and then call 9-1-1. Most

people don't bring their cell phones to the pool. There is concern about responsibilities of Public Safety. Perhaps there could be an article in the Villager explaining expectations of Public Safety.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pastorini