

HIGHLANDS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Open Minutes

September 21, 2020

Board Members Present: Ellena, Heist, Moles, Ramon

Board Member Absent: James

Management Present: Miller, Sinicropi

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. (Meeting conducted through Zoom.)

Management Report - Agenda Items

2020/2021 Budget Proposal

The 2020/2021 budget reflects a zero increase this year. Ellena moved to approve the proposed budget. Heist seconded.

Motion Carried 4-0.

Cameras

Ellena moved to allow Members to install doorbells with cameras with an alteration permit. This does not include any changes to the wiring. Ramon seconded.

Motion Carried 4-0.

Further Board discussion is needed to decide how to handle Member requests to install other cameras outside of the townhouse; such as attaching to the building, in flower bed, window sills, etc. This will be worked on at a future meeting in order to come up with a policy.

Member Concerns

Sue Pride, 6116 Balfour

Sue asked if there are any plans to replace the windows and doors. Miller told her not in the immediate future. The 20-year plan is updated annually, as different needs arise.

Sue would also like to see all porch lights hardwired (to be on when dark). Miller told her that this is done when a Member moves out. The Board must give approval to hardwire all porch lights.

Sue is concerned about the amount of foot traffic by her townhouse and the shooting that happened across Miller earlier in 2020. She has safety concerns for herself and neighbors. It is too dark and she cannot give the police descriptions of people outside her townhouse after dark. A car was broken into last week in her parking lot. She wanted to know if there was a robo call about the incident. Miller said that this is usually done, but not this one.

Sue Pride, 6116 Balfour and Candy Miller, 6148 Balfour

Sue and Candy would like additional lighting in the backyards of their townhouses for safety reasons. They would pay the electric bill for the additional lighting. Miller will have maintenance check out their location and yard to see how this could be done.

Felicia Zapata, 6118 Balfour

Felecia inquired about the pine trees in the front along Miller Road. She wants to know if there are plans to replace the ones that were removed. Miller explained that some of the trees were removed since they were fighting each other for sunlight. The remaining trees have had growth due to the trees that were removed.

Old Business

Highlands Website

Ramon walked through the new website with those included in the zoom meeting. Miller commented that there are some additional changes she wants to make. The Board agreed that the new website should be made available now and she can make changes after the website is up and running. Miller said that it could be available this week.

New Business

None.

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Heist, Secretary, Board of Directors
Highlands Cooperative Association