

Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting

October 14, 2015

President Bernie Lamach opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Board Members present were: Dennis Rodgers, Karen Tice, Dean Brown, Joyce Alexander, David Wallace, Paul Matter and Jeanne McCafferty. Absent and excused was Kate Gooderham. Bernie then introduced our guest speaker, Laurie McMahon, Public Information Officer for Iona McGregor Fire Department. Laurie was instrumental in helping Bernie obtain the defibrillator, which the Association donated to the Whiskey Creek Country Club and coordinating the training of the staff in its use.

Ms. McMahon stated that few people don't realize the speed and ferocity of a house fire. The video showed us that in a little more than two minutes a fire consumed an entire room. Synthetic materials, more in use now rather than cotton, burn faster. It is important to have several fire extinguishers, smoke detectors in every room and a plan of what to do in the event of a fire. Other services offered by the Fire Dept. are the installation of car seats for babies and older toddlers. The Station is also a Safe House for babies and women in domestic abuse. Laurie provided the residents with a "goodie bag" containing useful items and information. A question and answer period followed.

Bernie thanked Ms. McMahon for her presentation and then opened the business meeting introducing the Board Members.

Officer's Report

Secretary's Report

Jeanne said that the Minutes of the September meeting were emailed to the Board Members. Our September speaker was Dr. Patricia Land of Florida South Western State College. Dean made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. It was seconded by Karen. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen read the Profit & Loss Statement: total income was \$ 474.89; total expense was \$431.50 with a net income of \$43.39. The report is filed with the Minutes. Dean moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the move passed.

Committee Report

Newspaper Distribution

In Larry's absence, Bernie mentioned the various areas where The Whiskey Creek News can be found. Bernie will contact Larry to ask him for an email prior to each Board Meeting to make us aware of any distribution needs.

Yard Committee

Gordon stated that our Yard sign fell apart. He had it repaired and he painted it. He reminded residents to call him, Joyce or Brenda to nominate a neighbor's or their own yard. They look for a nice looking lawn with flowers or shrubs and plants.

Deed Restrictions

Dennis stated that as to existing restrictions, he has had no complaints of violations for over one month. Regarding our project to have the County pass an ordinance which will incorporate many of our restrictions, they met with our Commissioner back in August and he was going to refer this matter to the County attorneys. We have not heard anything from anyone. Calling recently, Bernie was told the matter was referred to the staff, and we will hear something from County Administration with remarks about our proposal. In reply to a new resident's questions, Dennis explained about the two meetings at the Church, the two workshops and the follow up meeting regarding the deed restrictions. In several areas of Whiskey Creek, many deed restrictions have or will soon expire. It is not sure if they can be reinforced. That is why we are meeting with the County for their help incorporating some restrictions into ordinances. Dennis also answered questions from residents.

Old Business

Trees, Drinking Fountain and Little Free Library

Board members discussed the planting of trees. Due to an accident near Reynard and Whiskey Creek Drive, a palm tree was destroyed. It is an opportunity to replace it. Type of tree(s) was discussed. Karen made a motion to add shade trees. It was seconded by Dean. Further discussion revealed auto insurance coverage and claim made. Cost of tree(s) may be more than insurance money received. It was agreed to wait for the insurance money before deciding. Both Karen and Dean withdrew their motion and second.

The 2nd suggestion was a drinking fountain. Discussion regarding plumbing, location and permitting issues revealed that cost would run about \$3k to \$5k. No action was taken.

The 3rd suggestion was a Little Free Library. Two weeks after our meeting, a resident installed one near their home, north of the bridge on the west side. Discussion followed. Dennis questioned possible code violation or violation of restrictions. Karen is to look into County issues and report at the next meeting. We deferred the issue for now.

New Business

Karen has emailed the Board a list of names for the Lake. We are to pick four names. The names will then be put in The Whiskey Creek News to have the community make the decision. She tabled the issue pending receiving the choices from the Board.

Bernie announced that he has appointed Kate Gooderham as Parliamentarian for the Board.

Jeanne gave details of plans for the Thank You Volunteers meeting. Invitations will be sent. Replies are to be emailed or called in to Jeanne and/or Karen. Jeanne contacted John Tuscano at the country club regarding food for the event. A group will meet to address envelopes soon.

Bernie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McCafferty
Secretary