

Sovereign Oaks HOA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 8.14.24 (Approved 9.3.24)

Board Members Present

President: Beth Kainic (virtually)

Vice President: Mark Jordan

Treasurer: Sam Cooke (virtually)

Secretary: Catherine Stelpflug

Director: Mike Newton

Additional HOA Members Present: None

Others Present: None

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31pm

Executive Session: (See notes below Minutes)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024

Topic	Notes	Next Steps/ Person Responsible
Previous Meeting Follow-up	The BOD approved previous month's minutes. Motion: Mark Second: Sam	CS to email to Rebekah for website
New Business	<p>New Free Little Library Leslie and Mark Connolly had planned to come to the meeting but she became ill the day of the meeting, so she sent in a memorandum explaining her position on the little library.</p> <p>The letter was read and after some discussion (see below) it was decided that the Board would like to better understand the Connolly's position. It was decided to put this on pause and invite the Connollys to come to the next meeting.</p> <p>Background was reviewed: Sam's first discussions with HOA members were in-person requests that he bring a proposal to the BOD to add another library box. This was after members had been discussing the issue in person and on Discord. Sam brought the proposal to the BOD.</p> <p>History: June 19th Kaye Cooke had posted on Discord a suggestion to move the existing little library to a more central place. Others weighed in regarding the issue and suggested other locations, finally some SO neighbors came</p>	Beth will notify Leslie and ask if she would like to come to the next meeting.

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	<p>up with the idea that it would be nice to have an additional little library instead of moving the existing little library. This was posted on Discord for community comments, although this is not an issue that requires an HOA membership vote, it was discussed there in order for neighbors to get a sense of interest.</p> <p>This request was for an additional structure similar to one that is already a part of our neighborhood, it would require very minimal upkeep and be easy and inexpensive to remove if upkeep were ever to become an issue, it would not pose any physical danger to users, and it would be an appropriately simple box design with natural wood stain in order to fit the natural setting.</p> <p>Overall, it seemed a positive structure for the neighborhood and was approved.</p> <p><i>Note the duty of the BOD: It is the BOD's job to receive requests from HOA members, evaluate whether the request is allowed by referring to all guidelines we are required to follow, and evaluate whether the request is valuable to the neighborhood as a whole, and evaluate any future expenses, maintenance, or difficulties the request might entail. It is then the job of the BOD to make a decision whether to move forward or not on the request.</i></p>	
	<p>Catherine brought up that an additional path may need to be added to the mowing plan soon. The Richardsons are planning to move and Randy had volunteered to mow this path when they moved in. Mike: That is not community property, so we will not need to add that to our mowing.</p>	
Treasurer	<p>Current Report:</p> <p>58% of the way through the year and we are at 35.21% of our budget spent.</p> <p>-4 CD's are fine The First Citizen's \$150,000 CD will be coming due this September 17th. Would like to ask the board for approval to move that into another CD with the best rates we can find through either First Citizen's or the HOA's Wells Fargo Brokerage Account at that time.</p> <p>Motion that we invest those funds into the longest term and best rate that Sam can find at the time that the CD comes due. -Motion: Catherine -Second: Mark</p>	

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<p>Com- mittee Business</p>	<p>1. Facilities -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Waiting on the company working on this to let us know what they can do about the sinkhole at the entrance. It is more of a sink tunnel. Skyrunner's fiber optic cables and Duke's electric power lines are there, so they may take care of it, but we cannot count on that. Mike and Charlie Remsen have been working on this. b. We are waiting on the company to inspect the retention ponds. Engineers must review and dictate what will need to be done, then the county will come and inspect it. This happens every three years. <p>2. DRC -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of the 9 predicted builds, we only have 6 that are actually going to happen during this year. b. One builder has a large AC unit on the side of a home that is not as shown in the plans, nor as discussed with the DRC. The builder had shown the DRC that the unit would be placed on the back of the home, in a less visible place. c. A lot owner, who had added an approved structure, has been informed to extend the mud mat down to the street. <p>3. Trails & Landscape -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Weeding around the Park (old greenhouse area) b. Other projects being planned now that rain and heat have subsided. <p>4. Social -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Book Club Meeting is September 11th, at Lori and Tony's. The book will be Plainsong by Kent Haruf. b. Firepit Friday scheduled for Aug. 23rd. 	
<p>Hot Topics</p>	<p>-Repeat reminder for Annual Meeting</p>	<p>Secretary to email HTs to Amanda</p>
<p>Next Meeting Agenda</p>	<p>- Continue plans for Annual Meeting</p>	