

LAUREL OAK AT LIVE OAK PRESERVE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION MEETING
16 Aug 2012
MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order: 6:48 PM
- 2) Roll Call: All Board members present except for Sue DiGiglio who resigned by email on 14 August 2012. Other attendees: Rachel Santos, Peter and Laura Burger, Vicky Irizarry, Peter Tedeschi, Larry Hanley, Jeremy Kennebeck, Linda Rebmann.
- 3) New Treasurer: MOTION to add Barbara Hanley to the Board as Treasurer to replace Sue: APPROVED 3 – 1 (Janel, Jamie, Vince – Yea; Jason – Nay)
- 4) Minutes: MOTION to approve 2 Aug Meeting Minutes. APPROVED 5 – 0 (Janel, Jamie, Jason, Vince, Barbara – Yea)
- 5) Landscape: MOTION to approve new Landscape Contract: APPROVED 5 – 0 (Janel, Jamie, Jason, Vince, Barbara – Yea) in favor of Big Yellow.
 - a. Big Yellow: \$270.00 per month; includes mow, fertilize, herbicide, fire ant treatment.
 - b. LMP: \$400.00 per month.
 - c. Rose's: \$5,600.00 per year (\$466.67 per month, no fertilize or herbicide).
- 6) Newsletter: MOTION approval of draft Newsletter: APPROVED 5 – 0 (Janel, Jamie, Jason, Vince, Barbara – Yea). Later revised to delete mention of current Board members and added intention to hold new elections ASAP.
- 7) Budget Discussion:
 - Jason suggested the legitimacy of moving Reserve funds to O&M account for current bills. A certain amount of repairs to the common area (in this case the sitting park off Bluff Oak) may be classified as repairs to the old Gazebo, the cost of which may be used from Reserve fund account and moved to the O&M as reimbursement for the monies used to pay for said repair. The amount to be determined as a just and realistic dollar amount, upon further clarification of the law. Jason has lead.
 - Reserves are down \$3 - \$4K from where they were 3 years prior. Discussion of whether Reserves are adequately being funded and how much future \$ to distribute is tabled until paving estimates are obtained.
- 8) MOTION to gain three bids for entire village asphalt resurface to help determine future Reserve Funds and new budget. APPROVED to garner bids 5 – 0 (Janel, Jamie, Jason, Vince, Barbara – Yea); Janel lead; Jamie assist.
- 9) Next Meeting: September 6, 6:30 pm (later changed to September 13, 6:30 pm to accommodate changes to newsletter announcing new election and nominee instructions.)
- 10) Adjourn meeting: 7:48 PM

For the Record:

- 1) A number of Laurel Oak residents attended the meeting to voice strong feelings against the Attorney's opinion of the election, votes and the legitimacy of elections of the current Board members. At times, residents' behavior became agitated and unprofessional, disrupting conduct of the Board's business. Some residents verbally chastised and accused the newly elected Treasurer, Barbara, of being rude and unqualified for the position, and even calling Barbara undesirable names, often with deliberate and antagonistic finger pointing to her face.
- 2) Ms. Laura Burger voiced her frustration with the fact that she had offered to assist the past Treasurer, balance the Association financial accounts at the August 2 meeting. She stated she had never been contacted by the Treasurer in the two weeks following the meeting, and felt it wrong that another person was being nominated to a Board position as Treasurer instead of her. The Board responded that the outgoing Treasurer said she had no luck making contact with Ms. Burger so the Board looked elsewhere to quickly fill the Treasurer position in order to gain an accurate accounting of our financial status.

- 3) After the meeting concluded, some Board members and some residents remained to discuss a way forward and the idea was proposed by Jeremy Kennebeck that the Board increase from a 5-member Board to a 7-member Board, allowing Ms. Burger and Ms. Irizarry the opportunity to join the Board as they had indicated they would like to do.
- 4) Barbara Hanley notified the Board President of her resignation the day following the meeting, Friday, the 17th. Upon Barbara's subsequent resignation, Ms. Burger was offered the Treasurer's position but declined due to personal time commitments elsewhere. Ms. Irizarry also declined the position stating she had already had the opportunity to be on the Board and wanted to afford someone else an opportunity.
- 5) The Board President, Ms. Kennebeck, stated the Board would work towards holding a new election as soon as possible. New election was announced in the Laurel Oak Newsletter distributed on/about 24 August 2012 and 13 September 2012 was given as the deadline for self-nominations for election to Board positions.
- 6) In the absence of a Treasurer, Jason Rebmann volunteered to step in during the interim and assist the Village get an accurate accounting of current financial status.

Drafted by James Lovelace, HOA VP.