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Meyerland Community Improvement Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 10, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Bill Goforth (1)	Larry Schwartz (8W)	John-Mark Palandro (10)
Patrick McAndrew (5)	Eddy De Los Santos (At-large)	Troy Pham (5)
Elaine Britt (8N)	Bob Lordi (10)	Arthur Kay (6)
Jonathan Elton (3)	Bryan Holub (8S)	Sacha Bodner (8S);
Gerald Radack (2)	Lucy Randel (At-Large);	

Board members absent:

Cary Robinson (4); Susie Eshet (7); Justin Keiter (8W); Barbara Kile (3); Gerda Gomez (7); Charles Goforth (1); Cory Giovanella (8N); Dr. Emilio Hisse (2)

Staff present:

Amy Hoechstetter

Legal present:

Mark Knop (Hoover Slovacek)

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Gerald Radack at 7:34 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Approval of the September 12, 2019 Board of Directors Minutes. Eddy de los Santos moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Larry Schwartz. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN PERIOD

- Mark Schatz (5103 Paisley) – Architect/builder – He is working with the Burks at 5103 Paisley. Their plan is to file an appeal on the building project for the percentage of metal siding. He pointed out previous projects they have done for other clients in other parts of the city that were metal and were multi-million dollar projects. He pointed out the planned use of AlucoBond material – polyethylene core of an aluminum composite material. It lasts 50 years and is a high-end product that is 3-4 times the cost of Hardee board.
- Jared Burks (5103 Paisley) – attended but did not speak.

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- Amber Burks (5103 Paisley) – Ms. Burks explained her frustration with the percentage of metal allowed and the plat issues for how the house is oriented for how their fence is to be placed as a result of a side setback.
- Simon Ha (5003 Braesvalley) – submitted house plans and they were approved. They made the decision to build a home instead of raising it but exactly the same plan. The application expired or a change was made and he has been asked to resubmit a new building application and pay \$1000 application fee. He said there is nothing different in the information being submitted in the new build versus the raising of a home.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Review and Control Committee

- BOD input to siding materials and miscellaneous issues including fencing
 - Bill Goforth raised the issue of corner lots with perpendicular fronts and presented a drawing
 - Bill Goforth demonstrated various concrete materials and explained the historical allowances of differing concrete materials. Meyerland has not historically allowed plain cinder block houses. He explained the skirting policy does allow for architecturally faced cinder block such as split faced and has also started allowing smooth or polished cinder block for skirting materials. The question posed is whether or not this material should be allowed for building purposes.(?)
 - There was an interruption by the architect present to say that code is very specific regarding what is classified as stone.
 - Is cinder block to be classified as a man-made product or masonry.
 - People do utilize cinder block for skirting purposes but it must be faced in some fashion.
 - Bill Goforth suggests the board allow the committee to continue allowing smooth or polished cinder block to be allowed and to count for masonry percentages for the building process.
 - Bill Goforth explained the process that the RCC utilizes and their adherence to the deed restrictions and explained that they do not want to get decisions wrong that would create contradictory rulings
 - Discussion by various members included topics such as whether or not plain cinder block or painted cinder block should be allowed to be used, the definition of what constitutes man-made stone, use of split-faced cinder block in actual construction and whether or not that it can be included in the masonry calculation, and whether or not the utilization of split-faced cinder is determined on an aesthetic basis or a masonry basis.
 - Numerous board members voiced their approval of utilizing cinder block that is not of a low quality or the basic grey variety.

Publications Committee

- Garage/Estate Sales Survey Update
 - Elaine Britt explained that the committee, along with input from the executive committee, authored a survey with regard to the issue of allowing garage or estate sales.

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The survey is currently on the website and is included in the Meyerlander. Ms. Britt encouraged everyone to participate. An email blast will also be sent out.

Bylaws Committee

- Status of Changes
 - This will be addressed

Deed Restriction Renewal Committee

- Eddy de los Santos explained that there really are no new updates and the committee is working to try to finalize edits for sections 10 and 1 after the other sections have been passed.

Mayoral Forum Report

- Wrap-up of event. Gerald Radack announced that approximately 400 people attended. Amy Hoechstetter explained the debrief at the office. There was disappointment that some candidates did not show up. There was also an issue with air conditioning. Excitement came from the turnout and the promotion of the democratic process. There were compliments regarding presentation, food and drink being provided, and the moderator Eddy de los Santos. Gerald complimented the staff on their hard work. Gerald noted that HISD legal got involved at the last minute and requested a lease contract for \$1,000.00 and required HPD officers being involved at MCIA's expense. Eddy de los Santos added that certain individuals made comments regarding the participation of candidate Buzbee but added that we did get notice before the event that Mr. Buzbee was not going to be present and that was confirmed immediately before the event occurred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

CLOSED SESSION

- Eddy de los Santos moved to go into closed session. Elaine Britt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- During the closed session, the board discussed certain property issues for potential action.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next monthly meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

ADJOURNMENT

- The board returned to open session.
- A motion was made by Jonathan Elton to ratify the actions taken by the board in closed section. Elaine Britt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Eddy de los Santos moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by John-Mark Palandro. The motion passed unanimously.