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Meyerland Community Improvement Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 18, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Bill Goforth (1)	Larry Schwartz (8W)	Charles Goforth (1)
Patrick McAndrew (5)	Eddy De Los Santos (At-large)	Elaine Britt (8N)
Gerald Radack (2)	Bob Lordi (10)	Dr. Emilio Hisse (2)
Barbara Kile (3)	Bryan Holub (8S)	Jonathan Elton (3)
Gerda Gomez (7)	Lucy Randel (At-Large)	
Troy Pham (5)	Arthur Kay (6)	

Board members absent:

Cary Robinson (4); John-Mark Palandro (10); Sacha Bodner (8S); Susie Eshet (7); Cory Giovanella (8N); Justin Keiter (8W)

Staff present:

Amy Hoechstetter

Legal counsel present:

Jonathan Clark (Hoover Slovacek)

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Gerald Radack at 7:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Approval of the November 14, 2019 Board of Directors Minutes. Eddy De Los Santos moved to approve the minutes as edited via email. The motion was seconded by Bill Goforth. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN PERIOD

- Shirley Hou (5207 Contour Place) – Was present but did not address the board.
- Shan Yang (5102 Braesheather) – her house is at the corner of South Rice and Braesheather. She provided photos of what happened during heavy rains in September of this year. Her question presented to the board is whether or not the new bridge at South Rice improve the flooding situation or make it worse. She has concerns about the ability of cars to travel on South Rice.
- Randall Gallagher (5131 Redstart) - Was present but did not address the board.
- J.R. Harris (5706 Dumfries) - Was present but did not address the board.
- Brendan Farrell (5802 Cheena) - Was present but did not address the board.

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- Dan Berry (5502 Creekbend) - Was present but did not address the board.
- Ed Kisluk (5211 Queensloch) - Was present but did not address the board.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Deed Restrictions Compliance Committee/Publications

- Garage Sale Survey Results
 - Elaine Britt presented the results of the garage sale survey that was published electronically with Meyerland residents. The reasoning behind the survey was to assess the community's desire (or lack thereof) to have garage sales. The survey was intended to be unbiased. She reviewed the data and comments collected through a PowerPoint presentation that had been distributed to the board prior to the meeting.
 - Bill Goforth added that the committee would be bringing this issue up through a policy presentation after the board has had time to digest the information and after the holiday season.
 - Eddy De Los Santos added that he was disappointed in the turnout and asked the board to look at the data before assuming that the data is representative of the entire community.
 - Elaine Britt responded that this is a representative sample and is backed up statistically.
 - Charles Goforth added that usually people who are against an idea will vote.

Review and Control Committee

- Standards/Precedence Presentation
 - Bill Goforth detailed the procedure that is followed by the RCC in making design and aesthetic decisions and the precedence that is followed in the RCC's decision making process. He added the goals of the committee include the desire to expedite the approval process for homeowners seeking to build or make changes.
 - He encouraged the board to review these documents and added that the committee plans to publish this information or something similar to it on the board's website in the near future.

Brief Summary of the Meeting Presented by the Harris County Flood Control District held on December 12 regarding the Bridge Projects

- Charles Goforth informed the board of what information was given out or communicated with the HCFD at the meeting. He added some specific details of what the HCFD is considering with regard to water flow.
- Gerald Radack conveyed that the HCFD indicated that they wanted to listen to input from the communities and will potentially be changing the previously laid out plans.
- Larry Schwartz thanked Charles Goforth for his work on this and noted that the newly elected city council members should be contacted for their input.

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Finance Committee

- Adopt Interim Budget for 2020; Final Budget to be presented at the January 2021 meeting
 - Gerald Radack discussed what has been done before in the board passing an interim budget constituting one-fourth of the 2019 budget for use in the first three months of 2020.
 - Eddy De Los Santos moved to approve one-fourth of the 2019 budget for use in the first 3 months of 2020. Elaine Britt seconded the motion. Emilio Hisse sought minor clarification as to the amount. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Gerald Radack added that assessment notices are going to be mailed out in the near future.

Nominating Committee

- Adopt a Nominating Committee
 - Gerald Radack explained the history and purpose behind the committee.
 - Emilio Hisse and Eddy De Los Santos volunteered. Ed Kisluk also volunteered.
 - The members will be Diane Furst, Jim Walters, Emilio Hisse, Eddy De Los Santos, and Ed Kisluk.
 - The board agreed to accept these members as the nominating committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Property Issues to be discussed.
 - Front Stair Encroachments
 - Amy Hoechstetter detailed the issue being that houses are being built with steps that exceed the 5 feet (beyond the front build line) allowed under the deed restrictions.
 - She added that recent final surveys have been returned with an approximate percentage of 17.6% of the homes violating this deed restriction.
 - The board is being asked to review and consider this information and revisit the topic in January
 - Lucy Randel asked if the requirement was based on city restrictions. Amy responded that this was the case.
 - Larry Schwartz added that there had been previous informal discussions to meet with the appropriate city or county officials to gather additional information.
 - Bill Goforth added that the most reasonable solution to this process is to have the city change their policies because as they are written, the RCC simply cannot approve plans that violate city code.

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CLOSED SESSION

- Eddy de Los Santos moved to go into closed session. Larry Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- During the closed session, the board discussed human resources issues.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 2019 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

ADJOURNMENT

- The board returned to open session.
- A motion was made by Eddy de Los Santos to ratify the actions taken by the board in closed session. Larry Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Elaine Britt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41p.m. The motion was seconded by Eddy de Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the board January 23, 2020