



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting **on March 14, 2018** **at Fruitville Library**

6:08 Call to order, attendance & establishment of quorum.

Gary Walsh, Diane Treharne, Mary Lynn Endter, and David Johnson were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Financial Report

\$51,000 in the reserves, which are topped up and now fully funded. Two people have not yet paid their dues. Diane has sent them their notices via email and visited them at their homes to insert the notices in their doors. The next step will be to mail them notices with a 30-day demand and then proceed with placing liens.

After some discussion, It was decided that these enforcement steps would be taken.

Minutes from the September meeting were read. Gary moved that they be accepted as read with one correction. Second from Mary Lynn. A vote was taken and they were approved.

Committee Reports

Modification: A paint color change was requested and approved for Lot 56 back in February.

Violations: Collections seem to be the major issue for now. Gary brought up the mailbox colors for several homes.

Old Business:

Rentals: our current rental properties are in good shape and we aren't currently having any difficulties.

HOA documents: Some discussion around the enforcement of and updates needed for the documents.

Celery Fields developments: Gary updated the Board and the homeowners present about the new "Fresh Start" initiative, which picked up where last year's efforts left off, subsequent to a two-month hiatus. Fresh Start was successful in lobbying the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners for a window of time to solicit proposals from the public for the usage of the parcels of land that the County had previously placed for sale. Gary is one of five individuals who make up the Fresh Start steering committee. Tomorrow, a group of advisers will be reviewing the various proposals to narrow them down to what the advisers believe to be the most appropriate and most likely to be well received by the County.

Fresh Start will then present the short list in a public meeting and then take them before the County Commission on approximately April 25th.

Fresh Start has gotten the participation of 50 communities in the area, representing as many as 7,000 residents.

New Business:

Gary has met with a contractor to begin the process of addressing the pond erosion problems.

One of the homeowners present, Lanea from lot 43, expressed serious and urgent concerns about the encroachment of one of the community ponds on her property. The water is getting dangerously close to her pool and to her home. She is considering trying to address the problem on her property independently of the HOA. Gary urged her to wait for the process that he had initiated with Florida Shoreline and Foundation Experts, LLC. The community should have a proposal in the next few weeks for the installation of some "geo tubes" which should provide a more lasting solution to the problem.

One of our original homeowners, Chris Born, passed away just a few days ago. He and his wife, Sally, sold their home in Meadow Walk just a few years ago and purchased a home in Parrish. He had retired from the Sarasota Police Department, but contracted esophageal cancer.

The storage needs of the HOA have increased to the point where we need to rent a climate-controlled storage unit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.