

Baycliff Civic League Board Meeting November 16th, 2021

Present (via Zoom): Anne Wright: President
Wayne Williams: 1st Vice President
Christine Westendorf: Corresponding Secretary
Kenny Vaughn Treasurer
Bill Westendorf
Eileen & Pat Genzler
Gary and Margie Brown
Molly Rodgers
Melanie Karsanac
Steve Zahn
Mandy Gray
Howard Kinlaw
Sheri Loman
James ??
Sue and Cameron Dye
Frances Zahn
Pam Fox
Graham Fox: Recording Secretary

Secretaries Report:

The minutes had been distributed immediately following the last meeting and were summarized. All matters arising were included in this meeting's agenda.

Treasurers Report

Account balances totaled \$62655.76 and income for the year exceeded expenditure by \$892.

Everything was considered to be in order and there was no discussion.

Survey Results

For the proposed 2022 Budget, the secretary reported receiving 34 votes of approval and 7 votes opposed.

From those present in the meeting there were an additional 22 votes to approve and none against.

With a final tally of 56 for and 7 against the 2022 Budget was approved.

For the proposed increase to \$100 for Civic league Fees, the secretary reported receiving 33 votes of approval and 8 votes opposed.

Of those present in the meeting 21 voted to approve and none against.

With a final tally of 54 to approve and 8 against, the increase in Fees to \$100 for the 2022 year was approved.

Safety/ Improvements

Lights

GF reported that although there had been some attention to the 16 previously reported none functioning lights, there were still 4 not repaired , two of which were the ones at the entrance.

The two lights at the entrance, which required some underground wiring work, were considered to be of critical importance: a fact reinforced by Susanne Dye's own painful experience resulting in a fractured ankle and broken ribs.

Although Wayne Williams had recently written a formal letter of complaint and had received some response, no actions had resulted.

Road Signs

The 25 mph speed limit sign was installed at the neighborhood entrance.

A request to clearly mark the intersection of Baycliff Lane and Bay Point had been rejected. Apparently, there were not enough accidents reported to warrant any improvements.

Discussion of the circle at the entrance to the neighborhood further highlighted the confusion regarding right of way since it was believed by some that it was defined as a median not a roundabout.

To escalate these issues, a direct call to the City Manager was thought to be appropriate. AW

PG agreed to coordinate efforts for other traffic calming measures. Susanne Dye agreed to help.
PG/SD

PG invited others to join

ALL

Boat Ramp:

AW introduced Melanie Karsanac as the new Head of the Boat Ramp Committee and summarized the progress made by her predecessor, Mike Perry, which had culminated in receiving only one response from 6 prospective contractors.

Melanie, Bill Westendorf and Cameron Dye reported having details of potential contractors. Details to be forwarded.

BW/CD

On a more positive note, results from the neighborhood survey had shown that 90% of all respondents favored fixing the ramp and 78% were prepared to help fund it.

It was reported that Susan Uroskie was retiring from her role of controlling Boat Ramp Keys. Any volunteers should contact Melanie. ALL

Social

Santa Visit (Sheri Lohman)

The Singing Santa was booked for 2pm December 4th. There was no rain date. Cup cakes and hot chocolate would be available to purchase.

All guests would be invited to bring unwrapped gift donations. SL

Luminaries (Michelle Baker & Jenny Huelsberg)

Organized for Saturday December 18th with the 19th as rain date. MB/JH

Holiday Decorating Contest (Mandy Gray & Molly Rogers)

Molly planned to include fliers with the distribution of the Luminary bags. The fliers will encourage all to vote , will include details of the 3 gift card prizes (\$100,\$50 and \$25) and how to vote. A process yet to be finalized. MG

Consideration to be given to provide some funding to promote Luminary Night block parties. Perhaps \$50 per recognized event up to a maximum total of \$300. An email to Block Captains? AW

Christine offered the remaining paper products that she had stored from previous neighborhood events.

CW

Landscaping (Pam Fox & Leslie Baker)

PF reported that the entrance had been replanted with over winter flowers. However the Coleus, which were still looking particularly lovely, had been purposefully left but would be replaced when necessary.

PF

PF confirmed to the treasurer that the \$440 bill for mulching was correct.

Introduction

AW welcomed Mandy Gray as our new 1st Vice President and AD Sales Committee Chair.

Mandy described her recent move from Texas and her previous experience in her former neighborhood.

The treasurer agreed to provide a full list of current Advertisers and payments. Most covered a 2 year commitment. KV

It was agreed that the current Advertising Price List should remain.

CW volunteered to update the last Marketing Flier and distribute to the board. CW

Any New Business

Cameron Dye expressed concerns about the offensive politically motivated signs that had appeared in the neighborhood. These, he felt, were a poor and not representative reflection of us to any visitor and potential purchaser and not what he had come to expect in his 20 years living here.

It was acknowledged that people had the right to display signs in their own gardens but perhaps a nudge by a close neighbor, as had been proven in the past, might be the most effective way to deal with these issues. ALL

However, all were encouraged to remove all signs that were posted on Baycliff Civic League property.

ALL

In addition Susan Dye described more sinister signs from a recognized radical group that were posted along Great Neck Road. She had reported these to the FBI and local police. She noted that efforts had been made already to remove them and these were a reminder of the need for vigilance and reporting appropriately.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday January 18th, 2022 via Zoom.