



**RUSTIC HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9TH , 2023
2025 N MURRAY BLVD.,
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Hoff	Doug Eberhart
Tamie Farris	Jim Kelly
Jamie Wilson	Shane Bruckner
Linda Cash	Jim Rickman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Juan Rodriguez	Dennis Watters
John Trojak	Shane McDonell
Will Harris	

Called to order at 7:02pm

Adjourned at 8:34pm

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order and Introductions – The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Ray Hoff. Each attendee introduced themselves.
2. Minutes of Prior Meeting.- Ray Hoff asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the board meeting on September 8th, 2023. None were put forth and a motion was made by Jim Kelly to approve the minutes and was seconded by Jamie Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurers Report:
 - a. Treasurer Doug Eberhart reported on the account balances of the RHIA Savings, Money Market and Checking accounts as of 02/01/2023. The balance total for all accounts was \$16,480.74. **See addendum #1 for the full written report.** Our Picnic went over budget by \$150 mostly due to increased costs for meat.
 - b. Doug said that the cost of the External Hard Drive for storage of records was not included in the budget last year. A donation to Sunnyside Christian Church had not been made for the last meeting but would be taken care of after tonight. However, the checkbook he brought was out of checks.
 - c. Doug suggested that ½ of the RHIA funds could be placed in a CD from ENT at 4.56% interest. The current Money Market account is paying almost no interest. A motion was made by Jim Kelly and seconded by Jamie Wilson that we have Doug research this further and report for a vote at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Architectural Committee:
 - i. Chairman Jim Kelly reported that the approval from the committee for the barn at 4710 Brady Rd for Jamie Wilson and Shane McDonell was sent to the city today.

- ii. Bill Brown reported that construction equipment was being gathered at 5219 Brady, next door to his home. Jim and Veronica Eberhart wondered if the architectural committee should investigate or call code enforcement. John Dolve reported that there is a good amount of equipment and materials stored behind the home and we believe they have a landscaping business.
 - iii. Veronica Eberhart met with the covenants committee to add some items for consideration. No report was given as to when they will be done with the new covenants draft.
 - iv. Jim Kelly asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Architectural Committee as he is dealing with some health issues. He was going to ask Veronica Eberhart to step up and will report for a vote of the board at next meeting.
- b. Bridle Paths Committee:
- i. John Dolve, committee chair, reported that the committee was waiting for the covenants committee to let him know when they were addressing the bridle paths so we could make input.
 - ii. John had heard a rumor that they were considering eliminating the paths but it was unsubstantiated and would not be consistent with the purpose for the founding of the neighborhood.
- c. Trash Coalition: Jamie Wilson gave a brief report.
- d. Hospitality Committee:
- i. Bev Smith was not able attend the meeting, but Tamie Farris reported that the committee made 3 visits to new owners in the last 3 months at 5117 Half Moon, 5427 Constitution, and 5112 Half Moon and gathered contact information **See addendum #2 for full report.**
 - ii. RHA sponsored two service projects benefiting the Food Pantry and Winter Gear Drive at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The food Drive at the Annual Picnic collected 437.8 lbs. of food and the hat and coat donation at Thanksgiving doubled what they had available for families. We received thank you cards for both events. **See addendum #3 and #4 for full report.**
 - iii. The Juliet women's group met for brunch or dinner and to play Bunko in Oct, Nov, Dec and Jan. The Romeos met at Sandy's for breakfast in Oct, Nov, Dec, and Jan.
- e. Covenants Committee: no report at this time

5. East-West Mobility

- i. A feasibility study to extend Constitution east from where it dead ends at Paseo Rd to I-25 has been incorporated into the **ConnectCOS** transportation 20 year plan for the City of Colorado Springs. The Study is budgeted to cost 2.5 million. This is a decades old struggle between the city and the residents in the area of the extension. Neighborhoods would be split, noise and pollution increased, and property values decreased.
- ii. Centennial Blvd has been completed on the west side of I-25 to provide a corridor to connect to an express way going east. Fillmore Ave is also being considered for the connection. Council woman Nancy Henjum hosted a Town Hall meeting on January 21st, 2023 at Stratton Elementary School for concerned residents to give input. Resident sentiment was overwhelmingly negative and in favor of removing the Constitution extension from the study. About 200 people were turned away for lack of room at the town hall and a second was held at Wasson Academic campus on February 4th. **See Addendum # 5** for report on Feb 4th meeting.
- iii. There has been discussion to extend a 4 lane expressway from I-25 east to Union and dump the traffic on Union. However, it is felt that the resulting congestion would cause such an issue that the city would then insist that Constitution be turned into an expressway all the way to Hwy 24.
- iv. City Council members Nancy Henjum and Dave Donelson are in favor of removing Constitution Ave from the study. With the upcoming election for Mayor of Colorado Springs it is noted that candidate Sallie Clark had supported the removal of Constitution Express way. Front runner Wayne Williams was non-committal on his position. RHA residents are encouraged to write letters to the city council. Board members are adamant that no more traffic should be directed onto Constitution Ave, and the proposed study should not include the Constitution extension.

- v. A motion was made by Tamie Farris to have Doug Eberhart draft a letter to the city council to be approved by the board and sent. The motion was seconded by Jamie Wilson and approved unanimously.
6. Roads, Drains, Utilities Update: Juan Rodriquez
 - a. An onsite meeting was held October 25th and November 9th, with Travis Easton and Tyra Sandy. Reconnaissance was done on Broken Cir, Brady Rd from Broken Circle to the east end, Bent Bar, Rocking R. and Lazy R. Dan Allegier, Juan Rodriguez, Ray Hoff, Steve Cox, Kent Morris, Lyle Bonham, Rick Hover and Dennis Watters participated and pointed out all concerns that the RHIA roads committee had uncovered.
 - b. A sit down meeting at the city offices was scheduled for November 29th attended by Dennis Watters. Tyra indicated that bids would go out in January and should be returned by April and announced by May.
 - c. The water line on E Brady Rd will be replaced prior to the start of construction.
 - d. There was no storm water inlet at the end of Pronghorn La in the plans and that was added. The water will be diverted between 2003 and 2002 Pronghorn La into the detention pond.
 - e. On the 30th of November 2022 an email was sent to RHA residents letting everyone know that if they had mailboxes, landscaping, or fences in the right of way, plans should be made to move the obstructions.
 - f. Juan prepared a 37-page document to Tyra Sandy and Travis Easton outlining all concerns and the document was also emailed to all RHA residents who have an email address listed on file with secretary Tamie Farris.
 - g. Juan was told by Tyra Sandy that this was a road paving project and not a drainage project. Juan feels that his committee has done what the board asked and now they will try and work with the contractor to make sure nothing that was pointed out in the 37-page document to the city is overlooked.
7. Mayoral and At Large City Council Election
 - a. The Board will encourage RHA residents to be involved and vote in the April 2023 election.
 - b. Secretary Tamie Farris handed out flyers with the list of Mayoral and City Council candidates
8. Other Matters:
 - a. Nominations for RHIA board and filing representatives are open for the May 2023 election.
 - b. Tamie Farris volunteered to chair a nominations committee with the assistance of Ray Hoff
 - c. Two dates were discussed for the Annual meeting – May 17th or May 24th. Jim Kelly will check on the dates and give us which is open at Sunnyside Christian Church for the meeting.
 - d. The next two board meeting will be held on March 9th, and April 13th.
 - e. The board had voted to purchase a year's subscription to Survey Monkey. Secretary Tamie Farris will set up the subscription.
9. Adjournment: A motion was made by Jim Kelly to adjourn and seconded by Jamie Wilson.