



Rustic Hills Improvement Association

MINUTES of Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
 Online Meeting on Zoom

Board Members in Attendance:

Doug Eberhart	Eric Younger	Tamie Farris
Stacy Sahlstrom	John Dolve	Brad Steininger
Jamie Wilson	Roy Thompson	

Others Attendees:

Lois Fornander	James Martinez	Marion Hartig
Chaim Goldman	Bev Smith	Jana Younger

- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions** - The meeting was held by Zoom Video conference with Tamie Farris as host and was called to order at 7:05pm. Self-introductions were made.
- 2 **Minutes of Prior Meeting.** – President Doug Eberhart asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May Board Meeting and there were none. A motion to approve was made by Stacy Sahlstrom and it was seconded by Tamie Farris. It passed unanimously.
- 3 **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Tracy Dunson was not in attendance, and we have no formal report, but Doug Eberhart has emailed the members the Statement balances each month. 103 residents have paid dues for this year and because of the increase in dues voted in at the last annual meeting the RHIA finances are good with a total balance of roughly \$8,000 in three Ent accounts. However we would like to see higher membership and more participation.

Our biggest annual expense is the annual picnic, at \$1,500, and we may not be able to hold the event this year due to the pandemic.

- 4 **Reminder** – Annual Meeting Future Date to be Determined.

Due to cancellation of the May Annual Meeting:

- 6 Board members whose terms expired are serving on a provisional basis pending new elections.
- Our provisional budget for 2020-2021 is the same as last year.
- Dues have not yet been set for the upcoming fiscal year starting May 1st, 2021.

Our bylaws state that members are supposed to vote on the amount of the dues for the upcoming year but the annual meeting was canceled due to the Covid-19 virus.

5 Committee Reports –

Nominating Committee – Jim Kelly is only member of this committee and he was not in attendance.

Architectural & Protective Covenants Protection – Eric Younger had nothing to report.

Bridle Path and Trails – John Dolve reported that resident Amy Rickman was concerned about the bridle path was blocked by Glen Lintemuth of 2005 Broken Circle due to construction debris placed in the path. We had previously discussed that if we addressed blocked bridle paths we would have to notify everyone in noncompliance not just one resident. Tamie has sent out emails concerning the bridle paths in the past outlining the width and maintenance between the homes. John was not sure what else we can do as we have no way to enforce the rules.

Hospitality –Bev Smith reported that the committee made five new neighbor visits since the last board meeting. They were considering dine in or take out meal with the Juliet group. The weekly Zoom Meeting for the Juliets are going well and the Romeo men’s group met for breakfast this past week.

Rustic Hills Trash Coalition – Jamie Wilson reported the following balances in the accounts: Checking- \$2,308.77, Savings - \$1,588.00, and \$878 in outstanding payments. Jamie will call the outstanding accounts. Jamie sent out a request for bids to take over the accounting for RHTC and she had one bid at \$300 and Tracy Dunson is planning to send a bid. Janice McLain is still charging \$350 a month, which does not include the pre-pays and her cost would be higher if we wanted them included.

6 Recent/ Upcoming Events

- Garage Sale - The event was very successful and there were 17 known participants. Jana Younger spearheaded the event and said there was interest in making it an annual event. Roy Thompson had approximately 50 customers visit his sale, and was concerned that some other participants did not stay open the times posted.
- Neighborhood Cleanup Day – July 18th, 2020. Sponsored by RHTC. Jamie Wilson was looking for the signs used last year. If not found she will make more. The information went out in the electronic newsletter and two emails were sent out with the Hazard Waste Form needed to be filled out prior to coming with the waste. A dumpster would be at the Hartig residence and at the Steininger residence and Eric Younger was providing a trailer for scrap metal. It was discussed who should pay for appliances with refrigerant and it was decided that RHTC would cover the costs. Eric Younger would check what cannot be accepted and the cost of appliances.
- City Chipping Program – Week of August 10th. An email will be sent with the date and instructions.
- BBQ Picnic – It was undecided if we could have the picnic due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the decision was tabled until we could determine what we should do. Chaim Goldman made comments that the government was being overbearing and the masks were ineffective and unnecessary. There were varied opinions among the board members. Jamie suggested that we send a survey to the neighbors to see how many wanted the event. There were concerns that

such gatherings would be prohibited by the state. Doug was going to draft the survey and present it for board approval. Doug brought up the point that planning and purchasing for the picnic is costly and a lot of work for an event that many may not attend.

- 7 **Date of Next Board Meeting-** The meeting for August 11th was scheduled at the Stetson Hills Police Station and it will not be available. It was decided to have another Zoom meeting on August 11th, 2020.

8 Other Matters

- **Glen Lintemuth of 2005 Broken Circle Road** - John Dolve reported that Mr. Lintemuth had blocked the bridle path behind his home with junk, according to Amy Rickman. She and her husband also complained that they had to go over late at night to discuss the noise from his weekend parties. Marion Hartig reported that there were parties held every Friday and Saturday night until 2:00am. There is loud music and voices and cars parked up and down on both sides of Broken Circle Road and sometimes on Brady Road as well. People were leaving and driving drunk. The upper level of the barn has been converted into a bar or dance hall/night club. People come and go all night and they are not always the same people. Eric Younger looked up the city code on noise (Code 9.8.101) and found that there were restrictions on noise from 7:00pm to 7:00am daily. The police had been called at least one time and it was suggested that one or more call each time there is a party at the barn. Marion Hartig stated that the police had come to her home and observed the barn from her back yard. Fred Dunson was told by people leaving the barn that Mr. Lintemuth was selling beer at the parties. There is also a problem with bond fires on the property. Doug Eberhart volunteered to contact city code enforcement and Officer Thompson the area liaison from CSPD and let him know we want police presence every time there is a party. Tamie Farris agreed to contact all impacted neighbors and ask them to call and file a complaint and notify the board as well. Doug will type up a synopsis of the issue and send it to the board.
- **Flag Thief** - Doug Eberhart informed the board that our Flag Thief was angry at Rick Hoover for sending the police to his home and went to the Hoover's and threw rocks at their truck, causing over \$1,000 in damages, so he was arrested for a felony. However he was released shortly and then stole two more flags on Payton Circle and perhaps from the Baptist Church. The only advice the police had to give was to keep reporting incidents. Juvenile "suspect" Devin Edgar is a minor and the crimes are non-violent so the police cannot lock him up. There was frustration expressed over the inability of the police to curtail his thefts and questions as to why the mother and grandmother were not being held accountable. Doug stated that he advised any victims of his theft to call the police and file a suit against him in small claims court. Tamie Farris made a child neglect report to DHS about the minor and gave a full report about his thefts, arrests, aggression and roaming the streets at night. His behavior has been getting more violent and the main concern was that he would be injured, or he would injure someone. She was told that DHS would look into the matter. John Dolve let us know the boy has been a problem since he was young and had been permanently expelled from District 11 schools. Tamie will email the phone number to DHS to the board so that others could call and prompt them to act.

- **Chaim Goldman** – The board granted time to Mr. Goldman to voice his concern over neighborhood safety and compiling a list of businesses, services or skills held by residents to be shared with the neighborhood. Mr. Goldman had a created a survey to gather information on our resident's services, needs, businesses, skills and asked if the board would support emailing the list of information obtained through the survey every two weeks or monthly. It was agreed that if he created the list we would support emailing once a month. Jamie Wilson suggested the survey link be attached to the list so that new information could be gathered, and old information updated.

Additionally, Mr. Goldman had started a Neighborhood Watch Program but has changed the name to Neighborhood Watchman. This group is not associated with the National Neighborhood Watch Program. He is concerned that if the government calls for another lockdown and people get desperate we may have security issues in our neighborhood, due to civil unrest. He believes that because we only have 40 patrol officers on duty at night in the entire city, there would not be police response if there were widespread unrest. He asked the board what level of support he could expect for formally putting a security plan in place for Rustic Hills Acres.

Mr. Goldman expressed frustration that the board had seemed reluctant to support this effort. He asked if the board would promote forming a security plan by emailing the information to the membership. Tamie Farris stated that for every Neighborhood Watch meeting an email informing the residents was sent with the information on times and dates and contact info. Doug Eberhart asked for Mr. Goldman to send the suggestions given at two electronic meeting of the Neighborhood Watchman and he agreed he would email them to Doug.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.