

Tennyson Oaks Homeowners Association

16 November 2021

6:34PM – 8:12PM

Mr. Baxter's Residence

Attendees:

Lee Baxter, Charlie Baker, Dale Kerr, Jason Waring, Jannean Garrett, Bridgette Jackson, Roxanne Barnes, Mike Cook, Andrea Adams

Open with prayer by Lee Baxter:

I New Business

A. Mr. Baxter would like to welcome new and remaining TOHA Board members to the meeting.

Board members include Lee Baxter, Charlie Baker, Roxanne Barnes, Mike Cook, Annette Curley, Steve Edwards, Jannean Garrett, Bridgette Jackson, Dale Kerr, Jason Waring, and Andrea Adams.

B. Mr. Baxter states that of 200 ballots mailed to residents of TO, 54 ballots were returned by residents. Mr. Waring suggests that lack of votes may be due to neighbors who are content with how the neighborhood is maintained.

C. Quorum is reached with attending members, selection of officers is necessary.

Lee Baxter (President), Charlie Baker (Vice President), Dale Kerr (Treasurer), Jason Waring (Director of Compliance), Andrea Adams (Secretary) volunteer to remain in their current positions. Mr. Baker makes a motion that the board officers remain the same as the previous year, Bridgette Jackson seconds the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

D. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Jason Waring -motion to approve minutes from 15 November meeting. Jannean Garrett seconds the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

E. Discussion of complaint posted on Facebook page regarding aged fence and dying grass at the entrance of the neighborhood. Aged fence belongs to Landmark resident, and St. Augustine grass throughout neighborhood has been susceptible to fungus this year as per True Green Lawn Care. Previous complaint regarding child's toy at the front of the entrance was dealt with by Bridgette Jackson.

F. Rick Thompson has been hired to install Christmas lights at neighborhood entrance and hang Christmas wreaths throughout the neighborhood after Thanksgiving.

G. Ms. Barnes asks why flowers are being replaced at this time. Mr. Baxter tells her that flower

replacement is under landscaping contract and the landscaper changes flowers 4 times per year.

- H. Mr. Cook asks about street lighting and process to report outage. Mr. Baxter states that TOHA will contact the City regarding outages, however, the City of Alexandria is waiting on equipment and supplies.
- I. Mr. Baxter reminds the Board to let him and Jason Waring know when issues arise that require their attention (such as street light outages or compliance issues).
- J. The issue of unfinished curb repair was raised. Mr. Baxter contacted the city, and the city engineer, Mike Wilkerson, stated that they plan to eventually finish the work but that the funds have been depleted. Mr. Baxter recommends that homeowners contact the city engineer to let the city know that homeowners would like the repairs completed.
- K. Terry Gore was hired to repair accent lights for TO.
- L. Brick column accent light was repaired by MJ Electric for \$242.50.
- M. Tim Kelly will be trimming live oak tree at entrance of neighborhood.
- N. Neighborhood cameras have been changed out so that they are on a self powered back-up. Thumb drives collect the camera footage. Cameras are checked daily by Mr. Baker to ensure that they are functional. Simpson, who is contracted for camera maintenance, checks the cameras quarterly. Mr. Baker advises that reviewing footage is time consuming as they are reviewed frame by frame. The license plate camera view is currently blocked by tree.
- O. Mr. Baxter has requested that someone volunteer for Message Board duty. He would also like to price an electronic message board for TO. Ms. Garrett has volunteered to get prices.
- P. Mr. Baxter is notifying that he will contact board members by text message regarding neighborhood business in the future.
- Q. Mr. Baxter would like to reinstitute delivery of welcoming baskets to new TO homeowners. Ms. Garrett and Ms. Jackson will resume welcoming basket delivery which will likely include coffee, cups, copy of neighborhood bylaws, and a welcoming letter from the TOHA president. Mr. Dale will notify Ms. Garrett and Ms. Jackson when he is notified of new homeowners and the board is encouraged to help notify Ms. Garrett and Ms. Jackson. The baskets should cost about \$30.
- R. Mr. Baxter will update the TOHA website with the list of new board members. Mr. Baxter would like board members to think about ways to encourage neighborhood community and openness. In previous years, the neighborhood held a neighborhood party. Would like to encourage and foster neighborly behavior among residents.
- S. Ms. Barnes would like to suggest TOHA consider a yearly neighborhood garage sale if allowed by

bylaws. She has been advised that the bylaws prevent garage sales in TO. Furthermore, the bylaws can be changed but it requires two thirds of the neighborhood residents to agree.

- T. Ms. Jackson has advised the board that there has been a surge of reported crimes in Charles Park neighborhood in Alexandria. TO residents should be aware of a recent trend of breaking into residences while residents are home. Mr. Kerr has informed the board that currently there are no private security services offered in Alexandria.

II Treasurer's Report

- A. The current balance is \$103,331.43
- B. The homeowners who have not paid by registered mail. Recommend liens be placed on severely delinquent homeowners. TOHA must pay \$110 per lien.
- C. Mr. Kerr would like to have back-up in case he is not available to conduct treasurer's business. Annette Curley has volunteered to assist. The bylaws will be consulted to see if this is possible. If so, she will be listed on the Red River Sign sheet for TOHA.

III Compliance Update

- A. Things have been relatively quiet in the neighborhood.
- B. Discovered that plumbers, since 1961, are required by the City of Alexandria to post signs in the yards of the homes they service.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.