

Tennyson Oaks Homeowners Association
General Meeting
9 February 2023
6:00 PM Horseshoe Methodist Church

Board members in attendance: Lee Baxter, Charlie Baker, Annette Curley, Dale Kerr, Jason Waring, Andrea Adams, Roxane Barnes, Sue Younes, Brigitte Jackson

Tennyson Oaks neighbors in attendance: 6

Open with Prayer

I Approval of minutes: motion to approve by Mr. Baker, motion seconded by Ms. Barnes

II Financial Report, Dale Kerr

- TOHA has approximately \$114,000 in the bank
- resident dues collected are approximately \$50,000 per year
- annual expenses are approximately \$35,000 - \$36,000
- there are small projects which will be addressed this year
- there remains one homeowner who has not paid for a couple of years

III President's Report, Lee Baxter

- the neighborhood has a website - tennysonoaks.org
- would like to encourage the entire neighborhood to look at the website for information regarding the neighborhood as well as some City of Alexandria information (trash schedule, etc).
- the budget will not be posted on the website (for privacy purposes), however, any Tennyson Oaks homeowner who would like a copy of the TOHA budget can request a copy from Lee Baxter

IV Compliance Report, Jason Waring

- currently there are no major infractions
 - most common minor infractions include signs in yard, trailers and boats visible from street
 - the HOA does not look for violators, rather violations are reported to board members
 - if there is a violation of which you are aware of, report to any board member and the compliance officer will contact the neighbor in question.
 - Jason Waring encourages neighbors to encourage other neighbors to comply with neighborhood rules and bylaws
- Regarding Trash Pick-Up
- Lee Baxter states that yard debris/ limbs / small waste is collected around every 2 weeks, depending on the city's schedule
 - Lee Baxter encourages neighbors to look at City of Alexandria's website and/ or to download City of Alexandria's app (Alex Connects) for information regarding city utilities and services (to include reporting of street light outages)
 - Lee Baxter will place Alex Connects app information on the neighborhood

bulletin board

- Brad Everett and Billy Gautreaux have agreed to help Jason Waring with compliance issues as they arise
- Lee Baxter would like to remind our neighbors that the neighborhood speed limit is 25mph
- Jason Waring mentions that many neighbors do not heed stop signs
- Lee Baxter recommends that TO neighbors complain to the city and perhaps with enough complaints the city might address by putting speed humps and / or reflectors to encourage drivers to slow down
- The city engineer (point of contact) is Mr. Mike Wilkerson, and he would be the city official to contact to complain about speeding within Tennyson Oaks
- Curb repairs. The city began repairing damaged curbs last year and ran out of money to complete. Tennyson Oaks remains on their list of repairs to be made. Again, encourage neighbors to be proactive and notify the city engineer.
- Street light outages. Please report to city. Can be reported by phone or by using the app
- Tree trimming. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure that trees are maintained on their individual lots. Any limbs that are in the street should be trimmed for safety reasons.
- Trash can violations. It is a city ordinance that trash cans should be placed out on the day of trash pickup only. Any neighbor who leaves their trash cans out beyond the pickup day is in violation of a city ordinance and can be issued a citation by the city.
- There is also a TOHA bylaw that addresses compliance with the city ordinance
- Advise neighbors to let the TOHA board know if there are violations that need to be addressed by the compliance officer, so letters can be sent
- A neighbor raises an issue with not having been welcomed to the neighborhood
- Lee Baxter states that TOHA is currently working on making welcome baskets for new neighbors and that the board will address having better communication within the board regarding new neighbors
- An issue has been raised regarding a better way to communicate with TO neighbors. The board will look into various options (textthemall.com, TOHA website, etc).
- Neighborhood cameras. The monthly service maintaining the cameras has been discontinued. The productivity of the cameras over the past five years has resulted in very little. The cameras continue to record information which is saved on thumb drives which loops every 30 days. Anyone who needs access to the recorded data should contact Dale Kerr.
- Steve Edwards is looking into various viable options for neighborhood surveillance
- Street signs. The neighborhood has replaced some street signs within the neighborhood.

New Business

- TOHA has created a new Decorations Committee to address holiday decorations. It will be headed by Roxane Barnes.
- Roxane Barnes would like to encourage all fellow neighbors to join the decorations committee
- Please contact any TO board member if you would like to get involved
- TO would like to make sure that the neighborhood is adequately lighted. If there is any

segment of the neighborhood that needs lighting, please contact any board member.

- TOHA pays for the poles, boring. The lights are changed as needed by the city.
- The contract for landscaping will expire soon. Contract bids are due March 1st and contract will be awarded for one year, as is customary.
- Tim Kelly has maintained the landscaping for approximately 6 years
- A new flag has been purchased for the neighborhood entrance
- A neighbor has requested that a larger neighborhood marker be placed at the entrance of our neighborhood. Perhaps even a granite monument. Lee Baxter states that the TOHA board will look into options.
- A neighbor thanks the TOHA for the presence of law enforcement during Halloween trick or treat hours.
- Meeting adjourned 7:10.