

## **Tennyson Oaks HOA General Meeting**

**March 15, 2024**

### **Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Lee Baxter at 6:35 pm. A prayer was led by Mr. Baxter.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Posted on Tennysonoaks.org)**

Jason Waring made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sue Younes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Financials**

Betsy Mayes reported that the HOA has approximately \$120,000 in reserves (includes \$50,000 in dues). Approx. \$50,000 was spent last year on maintenance/repairs (came in under budget).

#### **Old Business**

##### **Curbing**

Curbing and sidewalks are the City of Alexandria's responsibility. They are working to complete curbing, sidewalk and street repairs.

##### **Tree Trimming**

It's every resident's responsibility to trim the trees on their property. The City will only trim trees if they interfere with city property, i.e., electrical lines.

##### **Website Upgrade**

Kinetix has upgraded the Tennysonoaks.org website. Information on the Bulletin Board at entrance of Subdivision is listed, including scheduled Holiday trash pickup. Also, Subdivision Restrictions and Board Members with contact information is included on the website. It was suggested that we consider putting a homeowner's directory on the website. It would be voluntary to have your information, name and address posted. The Board will discuss.

##### **Subdivision Speed Limit**

Speeding as well as stopping at stop signs in the subdivision continues to be a problem! Encouraged residents to talk to those that they see speeding or running stop signs in an effort to bring awareness to them. Discussed asking the APD to patrol. They have helped in the past but has not proved to be effective. In light of all the crime in the city, everyone is encouraged to stay vigilant in securing their homes and cars against vandalism.

##### **Vexus Internet Cable and damage repair**

They were very diligent in cleaning up/repairing property of any issues with them putting down cable.

## **Compliance**

Discussion concerning enhanced safety measures at the entrance of the subdivision, possibly providing stripes to show two lanes, one lane for entering and one lane for exiting. Currently some vehicles make two lanes for exiting which could lead to accidents and unsafe practices. The Board will discuss further. Mr. Baxter encouraged residents to maintain their lots. Even though grass cutting falls under the city ordinance which states grass should be maintained below 18" at all times, the HOA can send letters to those whose lots are not maintained according to the HOA Restrictions. It was also suggested that the Board should look at the HOA Restrictions to determine if any changes need to be made. Each phase of the Subdivision has restrictions, with some subtle differences. It was suggested the restrictions appear to be bias toward the real estate company instead of the homeowner. Mr. Baxter and Waring stated that it was very difficult to make changes to subdivision restrictions. Legally, you have to have 50% plus one of the homeowners for each phase in the subdivision to agree to make any changes.

## **New Business**

2024 dues of \$250 are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Decorations**

Steven Semones with Lite It Up Holiday Lights did a good job with the Christmas lightning last year. Even though it was an increase in cost from prior years, it was well worth it based on reviews from homeowners.

## **Addition of Streetlights**

Two additional street lights were installed by the City of Alexandria at a cost of \$4,000 each. It was stated that there were other areas in the subdivision that could use more lighting. The Board will discuss adding additional lighting if needed.

## **Alexandria App**

The City of Alexandria App can be a useful tool to report any concerns including subdivision street lights that are out and curbing or street repairs, etc.

## **Budget Info**

Any member can request Budget information. Please contact Lee Baxter.

## **Landscaping**

Ken Kelly's landscaping has been very responsive and does a good job maintaining the grounds. The Board will discuss adding flowers to all roundabouts. Parts of the wooden fence at the entrance of the subdivision that are broken will be repaired.

The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.