

Cluster Minutes 9-14-21

- Call meeting to order at 7:33 PM.
- Present at September meeting Keith London, Martin Dapot, Joan Denchfield, Jason Askew, Shannon Patty-Stoddard, and Sara Theile Reid.
- Not present Anne Baghdanov.
- August cluster minutes approved with changes at 8:20 PM.
- Membership forum:
 - Katie Johnson from Farsta wanted to discuss a pine tree leaning over the house and leaving sap and other plant material on the back porch.
 - The tree was trimmed on a previous date.
 - The landscape committee during the next meeting will discuss the possibilities of removing the tree or pruning the tree. Will get a recommendation from an arborist.
 - Claire Biesecker from Park Glen hasn't received any notices about the monthly cluster meetings.
 - Wanted to let the board know that community outreach was important so frustrated she hasn't received any communication.
 - Interested in incorporating a newsletter, Halloween party, and other cluster events.
 - Michael Biesecker from Park Glen urged the cluster board for transparency.
 - Frustrated by not being able to charge an electric vehicle or being able to build a personal charger outside his house.
- Landscape report:
 - Plantings on the new retaining wall will happen soon. Jane LeGros on the landscaping committee has a Merrifield discount so received a reduction of about 300 dollars.
 - Large hose and timer installed.
 - Asked 1518 Scandia to use water for the retaining wall but haven't heard back from the resident.
 - New quotes will be obtained for November tree work.
- Budget and Finance Report:

- Everything is on track to end this fiscal year.
- Budget and finance report approved at 8:35 pm
- Annual Budget:
 - From years 2009-2019 dues remained at \$100.
 - Dues will be raised to \$115 because of the raising costs of general maintenance, trash contract increase, and replenishing retaining wall reserves.
 - Received spreadsheet results from cluster survey regarding monthly HOA dues. Many clusters had a higher monthly HOA charge.
 - Scandia and Park Glen starting to get cracks in asphalt so start considering resurfacing.
 - Shannon will help lead social gatherings for the cluster.
 - Motion to approve next year's budget at 8:53 pm
- Old Business:
 - Check EV letter status.
 - We will meet one more time to finalize the letter.
- New Business:
 - Cluster record repository. All board members should be able to access archived records. Can we have a google drive or dropbox? Jon will contact TWC to see if they can set this up.
 - Creation of vendor contract committee to review and research current and upcoming contracts. Various cluster residents with contract experience would want to volunteer.
 - Sara Theile would like to lead the contract committee.
 - Will vote during the October meeting to approve the contract committee.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM
- Upcoming events
 - October 3 annual budget meeting 7:30 pm.
 - October 12 board of directors.