

## Minutes from the January 25, 2024 Board Meeting

Those attending: Diane Anderson, Sally Davol, Dale Eckerman, Susan Eldredge, Larry Goodrich, Dan Hayden, Roy Johansen, Jeff Lanctot, Shirwin Pockwinse, and Jack Scheld

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from November 9, 2023 were accepted. Larry Goodrich, Treasurer, reviewed his report. The report noted that our current balance of cash on hand was \$13,156.21. The Association currently has 237 members. The comparison with our 2024 budget shows that we have \$9,077. of expenses ahead for this year. The overall assessment is that we are reasonably positioned provided the second mailing request is successful. Dan Hayden asked if Larry had adjusted the budget as per our last meeting. Larry confirmed they were made.

Dale Eckerman announced that the February 24 and April 27 Socials; and asked about the theme previously discussed for the April social. Sally Davol noted that the theme discussed was for members to bring an appetizer that connected to their heritage. Diane Anderson added that perhaps we could suggest that people share a recipe as well.

Jeff Lanctot reported that the website real estate information had been updated. He noted that with the last blast email there were several bounce back emails due to being incorrectly entered. Dale suggested that Jeff should contact Susan to double check against the membership form.

Jack Scheld reviewed several points of old business; a 2013 Association 'welcome' plan will be copied and sent to Membership and email reminders to 30 members were sent out with limited success. Roy Johansen reported that Chatham Traffic Safety Committee rejected the Association's request for neighborhood unique 'Drive Slowly' signage citing state regulations. On December's tree lighting, Jack requested that the Board consider exploring solar power for 2024.

In the first item of new business, Jack introduced the request to invite Member Dan Jones to join the Board. Dan had offered his interest in volunteering on his membership form. The board is currently lacking a Vice President and a Secretary. Discussion centered around the issue that experience on the Board was an important factor towards a member transitioning into the role of President. It was also noted that the Annual Meeting is the setting for the membership to elect someone to a position. The consensus on the Board was to invite Dan onto the Board now but wait for the 2024 Annual Meeting and present his nomination for Vice President at that time.

The Board continued to discuss the issue of the by-laws. The by-laws were last amended in 2004 and would benefit from a review. **Dan Hayden, Larry Goodrich and Jack Scheld offered to form a sub-group to begin a by-law review.**

The APCC hosted Riverbay webinar on "A Cape-Friendly Landscape" is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @6PM. The webinar link will be posted on Riverbay.org, Riverbay's Face Book group and a 'Happening' will be sent out on 2/25/24.

Jeff described Bulletin Board, new feature on Riverbay.org. It can allow a member to sign in and subsequently post information for others in the community. Larry brought up the negative aspects of a similar site called 'Next Door' where highly critical comments and harsh reviews became common. It is

the intention of the Board to eliminate the possibility of any negativity. The consensus of the Board was that clear guidelines will need to be set. The platform will need to be monitored and Jeff is considering the ways of managing that task. **The Board agreed to each explore the process of using Bulletin Board** in the meantime and, also linking FaceBook to Riverbay.org. Both options will be considered in the next meeting. Sally mentioned that an earlier request by a member was the genesis for this idea and suggested inviting her to try out our Bulletin Board. Jack agreed to execute that suggestion.

The Board discussed the issue of identifying a long-range plan to target areas for additional beautification. Dale suggested that additional Riverbay signage would be better placed at Training Field Rd and Old Comers Rd entrance points; or Park Ave median. Jack noted that the Quad (flagpole area), Park Ave median and the Rock triangle would be possible beautification targets. Questions were raised about how realistic it might be to try to plan five years out. Discussion also centered around what level of Riverbay member participation would be achieved. Jack suggested he would **begin by contacting the three members who listed Beautification on their form to gauge their interest**. He will also **contact the six members abutting the Rock to gauge their enthusiasm for planting a tree**.

Dale introduced the need for a purchase of new easel roadside signs to announce the annual Yard Sale. The signs used in past years needed to be thrown out. The Board saw a picture. The signs are vinyl with the capacity to be temporarily secured. The cost approximately \$400. The Board unanimously agreed to purchase.

**Jack requested Board members review and help compile a neighborhood wide list of Volunteer roles/tasks. The list will be sent out with the minutes.**

Jack requested permission from the Board to **invite Todd Kelley, "A Walk Through History, about the history of Riverbay" to speak at our next Annual Meeting**. Lastly, we discussed the purging of Riverbay Association documents. Larry noted that bank receipts from more than seven years prior are not needed and noted that we should preserve at least one copy of Association annual financial statements.

The meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2024 @6 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Scheld