

September 21, 2023 Riverbay Association Board Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Diane Anderson, Sally Davol, Dale Eckerman, Larry Goodrich, Dan Hayden, Roy Johansen, Shirwin Pockwinse, and Jack Scheld

The meeting was opened with a discussion of the Treasurer's proposed budget. Larry Goodrich addressed the point that for 2023 the Association expenditures were running at an approximately \$5,000 deficit to our existing income. Larry presented a budget proposal for 2024 showing that our deficit would be reduced from \$4799 to \$2669 with a projected cash on hand of \$3758 a year from now. The budget proposal was opened to questions and suggestions.

Dale Eckerman presented the idea that the entrance garden contract with Rosebud's could be cut to a level of \$4000 considering the number of perennials planted this year. He emphasized that we would need to wait until winter to fully assess. Dan Hayden asked if we eliminate the line item for Benches would that reduce the deficit. The response discussed the fact that the cost of the benches after donations was about \$800. Dale noted that the Board would wait and see what the level of donations would be before any decision on additional benches would occur. Consensus on the Board was that any further benches would require the donations on hand first. Shirwin Pockwinse asked if there was any further interest from the Boy Scouts. Diane Anderson stated that there was none now. Further information was requested for the projected cost of Maintenance, Jack Scheld offered to contact Mike Berg for this information. With this new information Larry offered to adjust target levels and present a revised copy.

Diane reported that Membership level was still at 257 homes. She stated that the recent home sales report was updated on the web page by Jeff Lanctot. Diane offered to transfer her real estate contact to Susan Eldredge who will be taking over the Membership.

Dale stated that the Annual Meeting mailing was set to be mailed out on Friday, September 22. The Board discussed the date for the Tree Lighting was set to be December 7. Details to be discussed at a later time.

Turning to Old Business, Roy Johansen discussed having no input into the recent placement of the speed monitor. He then discussed attending the August 24th Chatham Traffic Study meeting. At the meeting it was determined that is not feasible to pursue a goal of lowering the speed limit from 30 mph as it is set by state regulation. Roy then presented three suggestions to the Board. First, that we submit to the Town of Chatham our request for a stop sign to be placed at the Park Ave/ Lakeview Road intersection and also a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Riverview Drive/ Chippingstone Road. Discussion followed with the understanding that Chatham Highway Dept.'s recommendation would be the first step in the process. The consensus of the Board agreed with this plan. Second, Roy suggested that the Board put out a newsletter to highlight the need for traffic safety awareness. Third, Roy requested that the Board consider signage. Discussion followed. Dale noted an approximate cost of aluminum signs being \$30. Larry noted that addressing the speeding issue in a personal manner could be effective. Sally stated that asking rental situations to put traffic safety reminders in their literature could be effective. Diane asked if a periodic police presence could be requested. Roy noted that Lt. Goddard has mentioned the soon to come mobile speed monitors which could be strategically placed. The consensus of the Board being that these ideas are good directions to pursue.

Continuing with Old Business, Jack noted that the posting of the Membership position job description had not yet been posted on Riverbay.org

Moving on to New Business, Jack introduced the details of the October 14 Annual Meeting. Jack will begin set up the Community Center room with tables and chairs at 9:00. Tables will be needed for refreshments and for Membership sign in. Sally will purchase coffee and pastries with an approximate budget of \$200. The Annual Meeting will commence with coffee and conversation from 9:30 to 10:00. At 10:00 we will call the meeting to order and introduce our featured speaker. Jack will check with Kristin Andres about guidelines for remuneration, in the past we have typically spent \$100 for this service. At 10:30, the Board will provide brief presentations in the following order Jack (President), Larry (Treasurer), Diane (Membership), Jeff (Webmaster), Dale (Events), and Mike (Beautication). After which, there will be time for questions and discussion with members. Sally suggested that we use a flashdrive to present a screen background of Riverbay photo images. Dale countered that he may have a supply of past Happening photos and will try to accommodate this.

In the of new business to address Dale created a spreadsheet of new property owners in Riverbay and opened a discussion of how best to utilize this data. A suggestion was made to develop a 'Welcome Wagon' concept. Jack agreed that it was important to strategize a way to personally reach out to the newest neighbors; more details to follow.

The next Board meeting will take place prior to the Tree lighting, exact date TBD.

The meeting was adjourned.