

STONEYBROOK OPTIMIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 10, 2010

The meeting of the Stoneybrook Optimization Committee was called to order by Richard Weiss, Landscape Committee chairman, at 6:35 p.m. Richard explained that under the new council organization, the committee chairpersons will rotate the responsibility to chair meetings. There were no minutes from the discussion meeting held on January 11, 2010.

Finance Committee: Klaus Offermann reported that the committee is preparing for the 2011 budget process. Meetings with Robyn Fisher of HH Management have clarified many of the line items in the current budget and cooperation has been excellent. The most pressing issue is the accounts that can't be collected. The effectiveness of the new "aggressive" law firm in collecting these accounts is still uncertain. Using charts, Klaus discussed the increase in the amount not collected, which averages about \$200,000. Robyn monitors collections, and the committee will work with her to get more information.

Helping Hands: Carol Eichert reported that a new Helping Hands notice is on the bulletin board. Current active membership is 75 (150 Helping Hands).

Harbour Hatties: No report for this meeting.

Maintenance Committee: Gene Aulenbach presented a report by Mike Listro, chair of this new committee. The committee prepared a list of more than 70 items needing attention. There has been a lack of proper maintenance at the Rec Center, front and back gates, pool equipment at both pools, sport courts, playground, lighting, and various other items. Mike met with Brenda Noellert, our community manager, and decided to set up a meeting with Dennis Colletti of HH Management and Tony Burdett of Lennar. A number of items involve safety and health issues. At this discussion, items will be prioritized.

Neighborhood Watch: Phil Martinetti reported that the HH Community Website contains summaries of the February and April meetings, plus the Sheriff's Office dispatched calls and guidelines for reporting crimes and suspicious persons. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Monday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Harbour Community Website: Lee Bettes, Webmaster, reported that visitors to the website continue to increase, about 15% per month. There are about 75 unique users per day and about 250 users per month. The Heritage Harbour Master Association included a small notice about the website on its announcement for the Town Hall Meeting on May 4.

HH South CDD: Chuck Faust reported on issues discussed at the May 6th Board of Supervisors meeting. After previously determining that the contract with Aquaterra (a Lennar corporation) for irrigation water was not valid, the Board is studying how to reduce the cost of water and identifying alternative sources. A draft agreement to revise the terms with Aquaterra was discussed, and many changes still need to be made. The Board received a report from engineers hired to inspect the CDD infrastructure and determine actions needed to correct problems caused by lack of maintenance. A proposal to handle pressing items was discussed. The proposed 2011 budget will be on the agenda for the June 3rd meeting. In response to a question about meters for the golf course, the golf course has its own lake for irrigation and a separate meter.

Landscape Committee: Richard Weiss reported the committee has met several times with Lennar about suggestions for areas maintained by the Master Association. The center island of Grand Harbour Parkway is in bad shape. In two areas, plants will be removed, the area will be sprayed, and Ligustrum plus blue and white plants will be planted. On the bank to the left as you enter, Arboricola (green and yellow) and shell ginger will be planted. No additional money will be required by working on one bed in each financial quarter and taking the money from the mulching budget, as was done in Stoneybrook.

Opposite the clubhouse entrance, better visibility will be provided by planting green and yellow Arboricola and keeping them cut low. They also are dealing with vision problems at the golf cart crossing inside the gate. A small experiment with ornamental grasses in the median of Port Harbour Parkway will be implemented. In response to a question about transplanting, Richard said this is not practical because a minimum of 50% of plants do not survive. Larry Eichert said that by replacing plants with indigenous species, maintenance costs are reduced while maintaining a similar look. Money saved is used to trim palm trees.

Comments and Concerns: A member expressed concerns about the home at 320 Heritage Isles way, where stucco is falling off. He said in other communities built by U.S. Homes, the builder didn't address similar problems until Sarasota County got involved. He suggested contacting Manatee County to look at the home and put pressure on Lennar. Phil said the home is in foreclosure, and Brenda said a month ago she forwarded a photo to Tony Burdett and asked the status of the foreclosure process. She has no information yet and is skeptical on possible county action. She will follow up on this issue.

A question was raised about the status of the fountain at the SR 64 entrance. The intent is to have it operational. A lot of work has been done, but no date for it being operational has been provided.

A question was raised about the status of our wetlands. Larry said the engineers hired by the CDD found drainage problems, broken weirs, and other issues. Technically we are in compliance because of the large total area, including virgin areas. However, the mitigated areas are in bad shape. The low level of maintenance has allowed non-native species to invade the areas.

A member reported that the filter on his irrigation system clogged up with shells and snails in just two minutes of operation. Larry said the size of the filter on the total system is very important. Richard said changes in the system will require a lot of money. The CDD is discussing the issue of water quality as part of the new contract for irrigation water.

A member asked what committees will exist if transition to homeowner control occurs. Brenda said the new board can appoint committees, and many that we have would continue. Richard said that a group is meeting on issues that are very important for possible transition. The next meeting is on May 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled for July and will be on a Thursday. More information will be provided well in advance of that meeting.

Barbara Aulenbach, Secretary