

Timberlake Community Club Community Meeting Minutes Sept 23, 2023

The meeting was Called to Order by Tanna Avalia at 10:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members attending in person: Tanna Avalia, President, Pam Gidlund, Vice-President, Kristina David, Secretary, Natalie Haley, Treasurer, Ray Tomlinson, at large, Ken Bassett, at large, Stan Miller, at large

Members attending in person: Lorena Higginbothom, Si Cappiletti, Bill and Linda Bruder, Lynwood David, Tom and Mary Hanson, Diana Berry, Sigrid Curry, Diana Olmstead, Den Winberry, Robin Hudson, Steve Dippery, Terry Hubbard, Sunny Sunquist,

Members attending via Zoom: Nancy Bentley, Collene Swensen & Laura Nelson, Mrs. Anderson, Paula Pelletier, Charlie

Announcements:

A motion was made by Ray Tomlinson, seconded by Pam Gidlund and passed with 0 nays for the Approval of May 20, 2023 minutes.

Presidents Report, Tanna Avalia

- The website is still a work in progress, lots being done behind the scenes.
- New office space is in the beginning stages so there is not much to report. It will be a topic of discussion at the next Board Meeting.
- Wants people to not believe everything on social media. If there are questions or concerns to please reach out to the Board or the office for the correct information

Treasurers Report, Natalie Haley

- Met with Sheila Hedlund (previous Treasurer) to go over the Treasurers Report and to create a new one for fiscal year through August. Just learning the ropes of how everything works and excited to be a part of the Board
- Looking at the numbers from previous years, the dues will have to be increased for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

Secretary, Kristina David

- Had a member reach out to ask about a neighborhood watch program. Kristina did some research and has been in contact with Thurston and Mason Counties.
- The new version of the program is now called Block Watch and is designed to break neighborhoods up into small sections that people can monitor. Sheriff's office encourages this program and will provide training and support.

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Water /Maintenance Report, Pam Gidlund

- New liaison to the Water Committee. Had first meeting on the 12th, ordering new media filters for all of the water tanks in the pump station soon

Committee Reports

Activity Committee: Kristina David (Liaison)

- The last event was the ice cream social on Sept 3rd. Had about 160-180 members attended. Will have to increase the purchase of ice cream next year. Received \$80 in donations
- Next event will be the Craft Bazaar on Oct 7th, 10 vendors have already gotten tables for the event
- Trick or treating will possibly be inside the MPC this year but people can still participate in the trunk or treat outside in the parking lot
- Chili cookoff will be Nov 8th at the MPC
- Introduced Lynwood David to talk about the fishing derby and raccoon t-shirts that are still available until Sept 30th

CERT Committee: Pam Gidlund

- Explained how important first aid training is and that the CERT program offers CERT training. Once your basic trainings are done, you are trained for life to help in any CERT Program.
- Last training was on communication in a disaster. Was very interesting and CERT will be practicing again
- Next training will be on traffic control. Mason County Sheriff will be involved with the training

Rules Committee: Si Cappelletti

- Rules meets 3rd Thursday of every month
- Working on a new rental agreement for the MPC
- Going to be looking into the Bylaws soon as they have not been reviewed since 2006

Old Business

- Rules is working on the MPC rental agreement

New Business

- None

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Open Floor

- Linda Bruder asked Natalie why the dues were going to go up next year. Natalie stated that she was new and would ask Sheila and would get back to her.
- Tom Hanson asked if it was possible to report on the new office progress at every meeting. Tanna replied that there has been no progress because it was just an idea at this point. Tom stated that anything that costs 25% of the annual budget needs a town hall meeting to explain. He offered his expertise to help the Board with this project.
- Bill Bruder stated that a new office will make Timberlake go bankrupt.
- Mary Hanson stated that she was frustrated that the new office proposal was not put to the community for opinions. Many people are on fixed incomes.
- Lynwood David said that no amount of due raising will cover the expense of a new office. He wants research to be done to find out where the money is going to come from.
- Linda Bruder stated that she was a chairman on the MPC committee 15 years ago and that it was discussed then what type of building everyone wanted for an office. Nobody could make a decision then. She also brought up that there was a glitch in the ice cream social because the MPC was already rented when the Activities Committee wanted to use the facility. She stated that in the rules that the committees come first and should be able to bump anyone who had the MPC rented, regardless of how long ago they rented it.
- Diana Olmstead stated that all committees should have their events written out for the year to avoid any scheduling conflict with the members. That it should be first come first serve
- Tom Hanson stated that the office is too small, but building a new one might not be necessary. He wants to go over other options with the board.
- Bill Bruder wants the board liaison of committees to double check with the office on dates the committees' reserve.
- Diana Olmstead stated that she was surprised with the hostility she was seeing during the meeting. She pointed out that the office space is unsafe because there is not a back exit for employees to use in an emergency.
- Lynwood David wants a clear definition of the liaison's duties from the Board and Rules committee.
- Mrs. Anderson stated that she was walking by the MPC and seen Terry Hubbard yelling at a woman out front. She was concerned about the situation and the well being of the woman. She stated that was not the way people in the community should be treated.
- Bill Bruder wants to poll the Board on different subjects to find out their personal feelings, so he knows how to approach a subject with them.
- Tanna wanted to make it clear that the dues for next year are not being raised because of a new office. The dues have needed to be raised to keep up with inflation. Also, the Board looked into healthcare for the staff. Prices were very high, and it would be better to look into a stipend to give them to put toward their own healthcare.

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- Angi asked permission from the Board to speak since she is not a member of Timberlake. The Board granted her permission. She thanked Diana Olmstead for bringing up that the office is not a safe place. That the old office manager was held at gunpoint and security is an issue. The people who booked the MPC for the weekend of the ice cream social did so eight months in advance. When Activities article in the newsletter was sent out the date was Sunday the third, so the office figured that everything had been worked out. There was a great turnout and was a successful event. Angi stated that the chairs for the meeting came from Shorecrest HOA because there was a scheduling conflict. With September having five Saturdays the community meeting was overlooked. She went on to thank all the HOA's that work together in this community. She asked everyone to get along, the Board and the committees. There have been 500 homes sales in the past two years and the office is extremely busy. She explained how all the filing cabinets are full and the office has outgrown its current space. That the office appreciates all the wonderful new members that want to live in our community.
- Mrs. Anderson addressed Stan Miller for having his head down, his hand over his face and not participating in the meeting. That it was disrespectful and that he should be recognizing the people he is representing.
- Stan Miller responded to Mrs. Anderson by telling her that it was his prerogative.
- Natalie Haley stated that if your statements cannot be kind, thoughtful, helpful then you do not need to say it.

A motion was made by Tanna Avila, seconded by Pam Gidlund and passed with 0 nays to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM.