

Minutes for TOA Semi - Annual Meeting 2024 (Held in March 2024)

Call meeting to order.

- **Quorum/proxies (18)**

- o 23 houses attended the call

- **President's Report (Gene)**

- o Ran through the amendments that we voted on in our prior annual meeting.
- o Updated snow removal contract that runs through January to May 2025; only two snowfalls occurred this year; contract was addition from last year – Hanson Lane and two pipestems in excess of 2 or more inches of snowfall; charge 2 hour minimum per visit; they came out twice for services to us; no questions about the snow contract.
- o New arrivals to our neighborhood – Andrew is new to the neighborhood, Andrew grew up in Sterling, VA, spent a year in OHIO and NC before coming to DC, attorney went to UVA and works in DC. Welcome Ben to the neighborhood
- o Tonita resigned right before our last call, we have an available spot on the board to nominate themselves to the board

- **Vice President's Report (Vacant)**

- **Treasurer's Report (Kerri)**

- o Kerri ran through the assets and liabilities along with the income statement as well as the budget.
- o Capital reserves, Kerri puts money into that area at the end of the year, we have allocated \$2k for the money we received from the sale of the house.
- o Question came up from Matt Mutterperl regarding the water and what makes up the water expenses. Non usage is about \$20 for the water bill.
- o Year starts in September so the results are September to now

- **ARC Report (Forrester or Ray)**

- Spring walk through date is coming – late April or end of May; on website be two weeks in advance; power washing, yard, trim, etc. Also following up on any outstanding items

- **Landscaping Report (Andia)**

- Sprinkler system – neighborhood since 1998, upgrading and changing it, spoke to Brookstein with two pronged approach – 1) make rock area nicer, face lift, remove box wood (90% dying or dead), put in liriope, tighten up mulch bed and redo sprinkler system to only water the grass; there are areas that are mature enough to not water, we don't need irrigation in the mulch, reduce the footprint and add in a rain sensory and redo the entire sprinkler system, make it smaller and lowering the water bill; she is working on getting a quote together; one tree in front that needs to be removed (\$475), first pine tree (more than half dead and needs to come down)
- Xavier mentioned that the lattice work – does this need to stay up or can we remove that? Andia will get quotes to remove or maybe have a bench there.
- Ian proposes having two prong vote – sprinkler and have separate vote on the lattice work. Natalie has requested to have the lattice posts and repurpose them for another use. Andia has requested others to chime in. Have the neighborhood do demo as long as it gets approved.
- Lattice work and walkway – Phara was looking to understand why it was there.

- **Reserve Committee**

- What occurred with moving and updating the sign – Elizabeth wants to know status
 - Sign – can't move it closer to the street
 - Mailbox – need to be repaired and replace
 - Sign – we already agreed to paint the sign so why are we talking about the sign; better informed on the situation in moving the sign; removing the sign was extremely expensive but taking the letters off and redoing the sign
 - Mailbox – Xavier proposed that we need to get three quotes and then get the quotes out to the group, Ian have the reserve committee find the best economic way to get three quotes no more than \$4k (Ian propose and Xavier second); is the

post office required to be installing the post office – all unanimous voting with the group to proceed to have reserve committee make decision

- **Social Committee Report (Tiffany, Natalie)**

- Spring Yard Sale Discussion – Natalie and Daniele to rally the neighborhood
- House Kitchen Showcase Gathering – Those interested in the “kitchen hopping”; Andrew/Wife, Andia, Ron/Mina, Gene, Izzy, Caryl, Janice, Lee/Jenn,

- **Website Report (Jean Marie)**

- Noting to Report

- **Secretary Report (Daniele)**

- Need to have someone who manages the agenda during the call so that I can take the minutes and check chats.

- **New Business/Floor**

- Voting on the Sign Changes (#1 Type of Sign and #2 Location)
 - Andia, discussed moving it, remove it, take the letters off, build a new sign that was in brick that matches the style of the brick homes, cheaper than façade, move it to the corner of Accotink and Hanson, be wider, Andia got quotes for one, we have one quote and other options were out of business, Randalls Masonry is the quote we received to redo the sign is from 2021 to rebuild the sign \$6800 to redo the sign, Xavier feels that we need to move the sign and feels we don't even need a sign, Gene feels the sign assists the neighbors who live in that area, Lee feels that moving the sign needs to be more visible and likes the idea of single vote, Donna likes the proposal that Andia has offered up to redo the sign and move it to another location, Ian offers up a motion to not exceed the original \$8k to demolish the current sign and move it to the new location on the Hanson and Accotink so long as it meets the community standards per the TOA documents, Lee second Ian's proposal, it passes with 19 votes; 4 homeowners said no (Janice, Natalie, Gene and Andrew) only have \$40k in reserve fund, Ian and Andia donating the lights, Kerri mentioned that we need to be mindful of the reserve.

- Setting A Specific Date for our Annual Meeting
 - 1st Monday After Labor Day, no one had any issues with the proposal
- Open Board Positions (currently 1 vacant position)
 - Nominate Ian for the position, Ian is accepting the nomination, Forrester second the nomination, all unanimous voting for Ian, Ian is now a part of the board.
- Designate a Liaison for the County
 - Nominate Donna for the position, position would include just keeping the neighborhood informed of the activities within the county, Matt seconds the nomination and unanimous voting occurred.
- Block Party
 - Matt is interested in spearheading the idea of having the block party and organizing it.

Adjourn meeting.