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GCSC Board Minutes

September 6, 2022

Attending: Kim Bryson, Leslie Schreiber, Jon Lambert, Steve Blain, Stephanie O'Neill, Robin Gerber

Absent: Annan Ponnambalam

Called to order at 4:42 pm

Minutes of July 25, 2022 board meeting were adopted as amended

President

- Kim has drafted a new “community letter” which will be distributed. The board offered various edits to the document.
- The question of the basketball hoop to be placed on Taormina Lane is now moot, the property owner has withdrawn the request.

Treasurer

- \$79,455.87 (checking and savings) in bank accounts
- Leslie will be following up with property owners in arrears. Accounts receivable is \$1093.00.

Old Business

- **Community Beautification**
 - Kim spoke with Terrell Riley concerning the state of her home at #16. Apparently, there has been no activity to clean up the yard. Leslie will speak with her about the yard and her fee payment. It was noted that other front yards are in poor condition. The GCSC does not have standing to enforce cleanup but the City of Ojai does under the Historic District designation.
 - It was noted that a 6' fence has been installed at #81-83. Question- does it meet City Historic District regulations. Board members will check with the City Planning Office.
 - Parking seems to be under control with only minor infractions
- **Trash/Recycling area**
 - It was noted that outsiders are still using our dumpsters. Kim will encourage community members in her letter to ask any person they do not recognize “what house are you from?” and, perhaps, to take a picture of the license plate and send it to her.
- **Taormina community sign**
 - Leslie provided the board with several current pictures of the two Taormina signs
 - Steve will look at costs for replacing the deteriorating signs on Arundale and on LaPaz; he has spoken with Chester seeking guidance. Steve reported on the setback of the LaPaz sign- 8 feet from the curb. He also talked with Chester Jagiello about installation of new signs.
 - Jon obtained a statement from the City regarding easement areas with reference to roads
 - It was agreed that we need to develop a ‘spec sheet’ for any new signs for LaPaz and Hermosa entrances to the community: size, language, materials, companies that do sign carving and cost. Kim and Stephanie will talk with Marc Whitman.
- A short description about the Taormina Community was sent to the Ojai Chamber of Commerce for inclusion in the next brochure about Ojai.
- Still no response from the Taormina Theosophical Community regarding our reply to their invoice for “back taxes.”

New Business-

- Stephanie raised a concern about the amount of dead brush and trees on the Krishnamurti property adjacent to Taormina (west side). Jon will draft a letter to the Krishnamurti Foundation and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, who co-manage the property, stating our concern of it as a fire hazard and requesting that it be cleaned up. Jon will circulate the letter to the board for approval and editing.
- Steve mentioned that there are two palm trees on Arundale that are fire hazards and, at the very least, need trimming if not removal.
- The item of speed bumps to control the speed of vehicles through the LaPaz entrance was introduced. It will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Announcements/Comments-

- Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 at 4:30 pm – Zoom meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Submitted by Jon Lambert, Secretary