

October 16, 2023

PBCA Annual Meeting

Called to order at 7:03pm

Board members stepping down as of October 2023

- Benn Trassatt
- Brad Perva
- Zach Duffy

General Notes from Garrison

We had a lot of neighborhood volunteers this year.

We've stepped up electronic communication but will also be taking a step back to get more participation from long-term residents. That may mean doing old school paper communication.

2023 Annual Picnic Recap

- Great turnout despite bad weather
- Board members are creating an almost professional level of events, we have a strong board moving forward.

Dues

Dues amount will remain at \$75 for 2024

We have not proposed putting forward a dues increase

We lose approximately \$4 per dues payment that is made electronically

We still receive a significant number by check or online.

In 2024, we will have members pay a slight surcharge to pay dues electronically so we maintain the full \$75 amount.

Parks maintenance

We are currently being frugal at the cost of quality

Feedback on grounds maintenance tells us that we need to be spending more in order to maintain a higher level of quality

Major thistle issue

2024 Budget and Possible Expenditures

We will need additional funds to hire a gardener for weeds

We're going to send out a bid package (winter snow removal, gardening, and lawn mowing) to see what the best deal is that we can find if we do it piecemeal or altogether for a higher quality and possibly higher cost

We're looking to collect bids over the winter so that we can start fresh in the spring

We aim for 280 dues; for 2023 we are at 265, which gives us \$21,000 in income for a year

Ramon anticipates we are going to be under budget by several thousand dollars

Projects we may need:

- what else do we need to do in the neighborhood? i.e. does the pavilion need updates?
- need to remove dead limbs at Front Park
- Need to update Hidden Park and identify a plan (define beds, new equipment?, can we start and keep a committee moving forward for Hidden Park)

Newsletters

- Newsletter push for end of 2023
- helping us with covering electronic payment fees
- getting new/renewed participation from long-term residents
- can sell advertising space in the newsletter
- Need to set a schedule for newsletter distribution
- Include a list of what we need donations for
- Door hangers for neighborhood

Formal Treasurer's Report

For calendar year 2023, we will end with approximately \$39k (\$7 in checking, \$16 in savings, \$15 in CDs)

We have never come up with a rainy day fund goal as an organization

We have received 15 fewer dues than we anticipated; likelihood of receiving 2023 dues is diminishing as the year continues (estimated 280, got 265)

+should we ask why people aren't paying their dues to try to get feedback and see why folks aren't paying

For calendar year 2024, Ramon is proposing a budget as depicted on the left column of the budget page (see attached)

Changes to budget may be determined by the Board over the next two months, so final budget will be available in January 2024

Block Captain Committee

Need to revive the committee and determine what they are going to do and how we can make use of the committee

2024 Challenge for Board Members

From Lisa - what is one thing you're going to focus on?

Work needs to be done between meetings

Try to keep meetings on time and on topic

Election of 2024 Board Members & Officers

(See list)

No nominations from the floor

Lisa Keck (Carriage House) moves to vote the slate as one vote, Karen Steinmeyer (Fireside) seconded

We have quorum, 35 proxy votes (highest we've had in recent memory)

All in favor of the current slate - all; neighs, none

Passed unanimously

To-Dos/Notes:

We need to address trees in front park

We will share info re: street lights that are out

Will work on fall newsletter and then set firm plan for 2024

Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.