General Meeting Minutes

Cypress Point Civic Association

November 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Bill Filbert.

**Guest Speakers**

1. MPO Brian Floyd, Community Police Representative, unable to attend.
2. Mr. Russ Dawley, and his supervisor Matt \_\_\_\_, from VB Code Enforcement discussed maintenance requirements for dwellings and properties in Virginia Beach. Information can be found at VBgov.com. Mr. Dawley is responsible for the Cypress Point area and responds to complaints about tall grass and poorly-maintained properties. Call him at 757-385-4421 with questions or complaints about violations.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

1. **Reading of Minutes from September 11, 2019 General Meeting**

Dispensed with in the interest of time.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Larry Rossen reported a balance of $12,323.96 in our bank account. $100 will be donated to fund the Thanksgiving feast for the Police Department in our area.

1. **1st VP Report**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. (a) **Voting for 2020 Officers**

Helen Lee volunteered to handle the election details. She reported that 21 votes were received (a quorum of 20 households is required). The proposed Board was elected by acclamation, since no write-ins or floor nominations were received. Helen was asked to head the Membership Committee and she graciously accepted.

(b) **Changes to Constitution and By-Laws**

Corrections include: President will propose an annual budget, to be approved by the membership; the Treasurer’s report will be verbal rather than written; the 1st VP has been removed from list of those who can approve/write checks on our account.

Motion to approve changes, seconded, 100% voted in favor of accepting the changes.

(c) **Budget for 2020**

A $200.00 item has been added to cover costs associated with the Association obtaining a 504(c)(3) non-profit designation. Larry Rossen is securing professional assistance to set up the paperwork for the non-profit status. Motion to accept, seconded, approved by vote. An audit of our financial records will be conducted in January.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Census Flyers**

Flyers were handed out for those interested in becoming a Census Taker for 2020. Pay is estimated to be $18 per hour. We will have a speaker at our January meeting to provide details.

1. **Halloween Contest**

Winners were the Pitre’s at 5224 Club Head Rd. They received a $25 gift certificate.

1. **Neighborhood Watch Program**

We have had poor attendance at our events. Bill encouraged everyone to attend these events, or we may consider whether we want to continue the formal program.

1. **Newletter Distribution**

In order to save money, the Board is proposing that newsletters be distributed to households in person, rather than mailing them. Volunteers were requested, and a sign-up sheet was distributed for members to volunteer to assist. We anticipate saving $400 in postage fees.

1. **Beautification Committee**

Activities are on hold at this time.

1. **License Plate Camera Update**

Wes Neal reported on the status of obtaining and placing the camera. The Traditions neighborhood has not responded to requests to mount the camera on the light pole at their entrance, so an alternative has been proposed at the entrance to Cypress Point, on Wesleyan Drive. Options are being considered and will be reported on at our next meeting.

A Certificate of Appreciation as presented to Don and Faith Sullivan for their support of the Cypress Point Civic Association for many years.

The membership was treated to a buffet table of fruit and desserts by Bill Filbert!

Raffle was drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.