

MEADOWMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (MCA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

18 MAY 2018

DIRECTORS ATTENDING: Laurel Files, Erika Haydon, Debra Ives, Rollie Olin, Bonnie Simms, Bob Stoothoff
STAFF: Bill Ferrell (Manager)

MINUTES

Bob Stoothoff, Vice President, convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Stoothoff)

The board approved, by acclamation, the March Board of Directors minutes. (The April meeting was cancelled because of Bill Ferrell's surgery, and the fact that there was no pending business.)

FINANCIALS (Debra Ives, Treasurer; Bill Ferrell, Manager)

The following e-motion was placed and e-votes were cast by Curtin, Files, Ives, Olin, Simms, and Stoothoff as of 8:30 a.m. on April 5, 2018:

ACTION:

Bob Stoothoff moved, seconded by Debra Ives, that the *MCA authorize the purchase of a \$100,000 CD with SunTrust Bank with reserve funds*; further, that Debra Ives, MCA Treasurer, be authorized to sign for the CD, and that Karen Curtin, MCA President, be the designated, authorized officer. The motion was approved unanimously.

March and April 2018 Financial Reports: Bill noted that the March financials reflected the end of the first quarter, and April the beginning of the second. Debra Ives reported that a new \$100,000 CD had been purchased.

ACTION:

Debra Ives moved, seconded by Bonnie Simms, that the *March and April treasurer's reports be accepted*. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bob initiated a discussion of expenses under Line 05405, Maintenance – Improvements. This line can be significant and covers a wide array of expenses. There was board consensus to have Bill suggest categories for the types of expenses covered by this line, so that this item could be broken down in future reports.

MEADOWMONT LANE PETITION (Ferrell)

Bill circulated a draft of a petition from the board to the Chapel Hill Town Council pertaining to the removal of bike lanes on Meadowmont Lane in order to accommodate (legal) parking needs of Meadowmont Lane homeowners and their guests, who otherwise have no on-street parking. Board members agreed that (1) those homeowners were at a definite disadvantage, (2) there is a greenway

multi-use path parallel to Meadowmont Lane that is already used heavily by cyclists, (3) the 25 mph speed limit on Meadowmont Lane can support cyclists and vehicles safely sharing the travel lanes, and (4) Meadowmont Lane has a dead end and so there is limited traffic as the road continues.

ACTION:

Debra Ives moved, seconded by Rollie Olin, that the *board petition the town as follows: The Meadowmont Community Association hereby requests and supports: That the Chapel Hill Town Council permit the appropriate Town staff to redesign all traffic striping on Meadowmont Lane from the 300 block north to the end of Meadowmont Lane to allow legal parking in front of the single family homes on both sides of these sections of Meadowmont Lane.* The motion was approved unanimously.

MCA FOUNTAINS IN SUMMIT PARK (Stoothoff)

Bob reported that the board-approved current arrangement for maintaining the fountains was working well.

EVENTS (Rollie Olin, Chair)

Rollie Olin reported that the May 4th First Friday in the Village event—Triangle Jazz Orchestra—was well attended. He also reported that the group scheduled for the First Friday in July (Duck Duck Goose) was now unable to perform on that date; however, he was able to secure a booking with Jon Shain.

Bill observed that the weather report for Meadowmont’s first event at the Gazebo, SMILE the band, on May 19th—was looking very dismal. Rain was likely, but even if not, the grounds were likely to be very unappealing for picnic seating after a rainy week. The band needed 24 hours cancellation notice (by Friday afternoon). They have no Saturdays available for the summer, but had offered to look for a Sunday date as a replacement. The board decided to cancel the May 19th performance, and instructed Bill to work with Barry Herndon of SMILE to identify Friday and Sunday dates that might be available.

MANAGER’S REPORT (Ferrell)

Bill reported on various common area and general items, including:

Playgrounds: Playground equipment has been repaired and eight new swings will be installed the week of May 21 (four in Parkridge and four on Old Barn).

Bill reported that the newly installed basketball backboard in Parkridge Park has been shattered, for the fourth time. Given the nature of the damage, it appears to have been done by a teenager or adult.

The board agreed on several actions:

- Replace the broken backboard with a cheaper, non-breakable backboard.
- Since the playground is designated for 12 and under, lower the backboard.
- Add lighting to the center area of the park, in particular where the covered picnic table is located.
- Distribute a letter to all residents with homes circling the park, informing them of the misuse/vandalism and the cost to date, and enlisting their aid in a “neighborhood watch” type of activity. Erika Haydon, as one of those residents, volunteered to distribute the letter in person to all homes on the circle. The board will decide whether to eblast a flyer to all residents.

Traffic: Flashing speed limit signs have been installed at the school zones on Meadowmont Lane, with no effect yet; police have been asked to monitor this area. Three painted crosswalks plus signage are

to be installed on Sprunt Street at the intersection between Oval Park and Circle Park. A raised crosswalk will be installed at the entrance to Rashkis Elementary.

Murray Hill: Citizens are asking the Town to evaluate the area at Murray Hill to seek it to be cleaned up, as well as to reopen the sidewalk and repair street damage that occurred during construction.

Greenway Trails: Resealing is underway.

Gazebo Lights: Four new lights have been installed for use during music events.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing to be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:01 a.m.

Next Board Meeting
FRIDAY, June 15, 2018
8:00 a.m.
MCA OFFICE