

**SPRING CHASE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
Sunday, October 17, 2021  
2:00 pm Edgewater common grounds

Residents signed in by street address. Information packet given on sign-in. Gift card drawing tickets were given, one per household, for drawing to be held at end of meeting.

Board members present included John Stern, Pres/Treas., JoEllyn Norman, Sec., Directors Dotty Byrd, Jane Grogan, Robert Hegerty, Mary Huebner, Cynthia Parker, Jane Whittaker. Matt Rando, VP, absent due to family emergency.

The meeting was called to order by John at 2:05 pm. New resident, Mary Gregory (905 James Ct) introduced and welcomed.

**Items of business included:**

- **Election process** – Candidates introduced. (Kevin Billard, Dotty Byrd, Bob Hegerty, Norm Smith, Jane Whittaker) Call for floor nominations – none given. Ballots not previously received were collected. (Residents Robin Long and Cathy Taylor given ballot box to count votes)
- **Secretary Report** – JoEllyn – Minutes of May 2, 2021, meeting up for approval or correction. George McNamara made motion to approve as written/Sherry Neff seconded. Minutes accepted as written.
- **Treasurer's Report** – John – **(Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Sheet) – in packet of information (and to be posted on website) for all to review.** John gave a brief description of our major costs.
- **Committee Reports** – in packet of information for review. Discussion followed:
  1. Question on street repairs – It was noted that the City of Salisbury is responsible for the repairs. Any resident may contact the city with request to repair a particular problem. Bob Hegerty will take a closer look and report problem areas.
  2. Drivers exceeding the speed limit discussed – Board members will contact the city to request additional speed limit signs be installed and a police car to park occasionally to catch offenders. NO SPEEEDING notice will be posted on website and noted in the next Newsletter to raise awareness to our residents.
  3. Question about Jacobs clearing piles of branches on common areas – it was noted that small piles can be placed in bags for free pick-up by the city. It was also noted that Jacobs does a Fall and Spring cleanup. If there is a problem area, report it to a Board member to resolve.
  4. Mosquito spraying of streets is on a schedule with the City of Salisbury. Any resident may contact the appropriate city department. Phone numbers are listed on the City of Salisbury website.
  5. Pine needles on streets and drains need to be cleared especially this time of year. Bob will contact the City of Salisbury to ask for street sweeping. Jacobs clears the drains each week while mowing. If you notice a drain is blocked with debris, clear it, or contact a Board member.
  6. Construction and Modification – Jane Whittaker, chair, asked Norm Smith and Kevin Billard if either would consider serving on this committee. Any other residents

interested should contact Jane to volunteer and learn how this vital committee functions.

7. Jane Grogan stressed the importance of all the committees and additional residents becoming involved. We need volunteers to help with placing the flags, welcoming new residents, helping with cleanup and beautification. Don Long suggested a "Needs List" to be posted. The Board will determine what is needed. JoEllyn will post on website and in Newsletter to encourage volunteers to sign up.

- **Business:**

1. **2022 Budget** – (in packet and posted on website for review) – John explained the need for increase in dues. His research of previous years documents (going back to 2002) determined that dues had remained the same and overspending had increased each year. He calculated that if dues had just increased each year for inflation, our current dues would be over \$600/year now. Since we are dealing with a 30-year-old infrastructure, sinkholes, overgrown and aging trees and trying to build our reserve back, it is necessary to increase dues to \$452/year. This will take effect January 1, 2022. We encourage yearly payment but accept bi-annual (\$226) or quarterly (\$113). **NOTE: An invoice is sent out in December for the following year. No additional invoice will be sent. Please keep track of due dates.)**
2. **Explanation for sinkhole repair method** – Filling a sinkhole with dirt is a temporary fix. It has been determined that the best way to repair an area of collapse is to excavate what is underneath to fill in and compress with dirt. This procedure is costly. It is our only assurance the sinkhole will not reappear. This is for the safety of our residents and maintenance of Spring Chase property.

- **Open Forum:** Question on the progress of the building in the Glen Heights area. Bob stated that preliminary work has begun. Off Glen Avenue, a protective work fence and gravel road have been placed for heavy equipment use. Previous information is that they will build sixty, one-story units. A vinyl fence will run the entire length of the buffer zone. We have no further information currently.

Congratulations to Elaine Wallingford, the winner of the donated \$25 gift card! **A sincere thank you to the residents attending the General Membership meeting today.** Twenty-four homeowners were present (no quorum) Fifty-eight homeowners participated in the voting process, drop off ballots included (quorum).

- **Election results** – The three candidates with the most votes (2022-2024 term): Dotty Byrd, Bob Hegerty, and Jane Whittaker. The Nominating Committee wants to thank Kevin Billard and Norm Smith for agreeing to be on the ballot and hope to see them on future ballots.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by JoElly Norman, Secretary