

SILVER KNOLLS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION Annual Membership Meeting
May 16, 2023
FINAL Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1830 p.m. by President Rob Pierce. The meeting took place at the Silver Knolls Fire House and online using the Zoom Conferencing software.
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum:
 - a. Board members present: President, Rob Pierce; Vice President Jan Bishop; Recording Secretary, Tami Rougeau; Treasurer Matias Leiva, Corresponding Secretary Shelly Doyle; Membership Chairman Oliver Ryan, Casey Meaden; Carly Ennis; Pam Becker; Keith Dayton, Diane Walizer
 - b. Members Absent:
3. Public Attendees: Kelly Brown (Zoom), Wendy Donahue, Pastor Mike Schmidt, Linda Zimmerman, Amy Zimmerman, Mickey Thompson
4. Approval of Minutes: April monthly minutes
 - a. Diane motions, Casey seconds, Minutes approved unanimously
5. Treasurer Report
 - a. Beginning Balance \$5456.27
 - b. Breakdown of current budget presented.
6. Corresponding Secretary Report: Nothing to Report
7. Membership: 75 paid members;
8. New Business:
 - a. Silver Knolls Park damage: Rob called commissioner Herman; repairs have started at the park; road is fixed and garbage has been hauled off; sprinklers are on for the grass.
 - b. Insurance is due this month. Rob reached out to the salesman to get a discount for being fire wise. Should be approximately 350.00
 - c. Garage Sale: 8 entries so far, which is normal for this time. Advertising includes the sign. Sign up means that you get to be on the map with a list of those items that you are selling. Also listed on Facebook, our website and Nextdoor.
 - i. Need people to sign up to hand out maps at the entrance to the neighborhood. Sign up with Casey
 - ii. Pastor Mike will be providing refreshments at the church. Breakfast items and perhaps a snow cone machine and water. This will be for Saturday only.
 - d. Election results: 21 votes for each candidate so all are voted in. Mikey Thompson is the newest member of the board. Congratulations to all. Terms are for 2 years.
 - e. Regional Presentation by Sara from Regional Planning Commission Washoe County
 - i. Silver Hills – Tentative plan approved
 - ii. 91 acre parcel to split into 2 lots
 - iii. Border town asking for expansion to be heard June 1 Board of Adjustments

- iv. Goodwin personal storage approved by
- v. Village Parkway 166 single family and 93 attached residential; final map submitted
- vi. Woodland 111 attached units approved
- vii. Cold Springs Tower approved
- viii. Final maps have to be submitted within a timeframe from initial approval before construction can begin. With cost of construction as high as it is many projects are delayed.
- ix. Widening of 395 stops at Golden Valley; no plan to widen to Cold Springs so do not expect any improvement in traffic
- x. Take the time to take a look at envision Washoe to keep track of plans for all of the various areas. Comment periods will open
- xi. Land use bill: look at map to see what public lands will be affected. Water is still the biggest issue. Ground water is depleting so additional expansion will continue to hurt the water situation and be mindful.
- xii. Recommendations have been made over the years to lay in the infrastructure from the beginning of projects but it is still not happening. More efficient use of tax dollars and puts services in place where they will be need in the future. Example will be when initial building starts out on RRR they will have to lay in more water and sewer and RRR will be widened on both sides impacting the properties along RRR through use of imminent domain.
- xiii. Stay involved and aware, make your comments heard, it really does make a difference.
- xiv. New County commissioners who are more willing to listen and act on behalf of the communities.
- xv. Large areas are possibly coming available and developers are already looking at them (Columbia Hills area)
- xvi. Lisner asking to have Lemon Valley paved through and then all the way over past to the gravel pit to Cold Springs. Also looking to make the road from Stead to Osage an official road for access.
- xvii. New development has to pay for itself to a certain extent. There is very little tax for roads. Developers believe that the jurisdiction will be responsible for supplying infrastructure to include roads, schools etc.
- xviii. Best place to get information is at the CAB meeting
- xix. Can we request a flashing light on Red Rock to alert drivers to horses crossing the road. Needs to be at the top of the blind hill. Request signage on the 311 website.
- xx. Don't hesitate to report concerns to code enforcement for building projects (dust, speed etc)

9. Old Business

- a. Website ideas: Looking for advertising from local residents for business, can add banners to the website for \$250/6 months and \$500 for the year.

Would include sponsorship for the newsletter to showcase our local small business owners.

- i. Matias brings up online payment opportunity through the website going forward in addition to checks. Tabled till next month.
- b. Ditch Repair – no update
- c. Fire Wise Update: Carly went to the Washoe Nursery in Washoe Valley. It was very well attended. Bring your own wagon and know what you are looking for before you get there. It is all native plants which are fire resistant at reduced costs. Seeds are available at Comstock.
 - i. Not really available for a community project.
 - ii. Goal is to have our neighborhood as fire wise as possible to reduce our risk of fire
 - iii. Will be eligible for grants and reduced insurance rates
 - iv. Report hours to Carly for fire wise projects that are done. Need to add a link on the webpage to easily be able to log our hours for fire wise projects
 - v. Discussion regarding potential grant projects
 - vi. Carly will be absent the next few months. Acknowledged by board.

10. Other Business

- a. Neighborhood Watch:
 - i. There is a resident who repeatedly plays loud music at all hours and their kids race motor bikes around the neighborhood causing a nuisance. Neighbors have reported to the Sheriff but they continue.
 1. There are county codes that prevent this behavior but it needs to be reported. Call the county to report so they are cited and then the reporter has to be willing to go to court with them. Documentation is important.
 - ii. New local business – Coffee truck usually parks at the storage units.
 - iii. True Value is going out of business the end of June. Rumor is that it will become an Ace Hardware
 - iv. Desert Pigs will be in Lemon Valley on Deodar this Saturday. Anyone can join to help clean at 0900 for 2 hours.
 1. The only way to use donated dumps is if the holder of the dump is present so not really a great option anymore.

11. President and Board Items

- a. Next monthly board meeting – thurst Tuesday, 20 June 2023, 1830 at the firehouse or Zoom option
- b. Agenda items are due the Monday prior
- c. CAB is the second Tuesday of the month at the North Valley's Library with Zoom option. Good way to keep up with what is going on locally. Washoe County Website has the link to the CAB meetings.
- d. Attending guests are listed above

12. Public Comment

- a. Pastor Mike says there is a neighbor who has moved to The Bungalows so anyone who would like to stop in and say hello to here she has no family local
 - b. Restrooms will be open at the church for Saturday of the yard sale.
13. Adjournment at 2005

Respectfully Submitted

Tami R. Rougeau
Recording Secretary