

Castle Hills Forest Board Meeting

October 12, 2011

Present: Jennifer, Ellen, Chris, Beth, David, Marge, Larry

Absent: Alan

Convened at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes: September minutes were passed until next meeting

Financial report: Larry

- 1) Everything looks good. He is waiting to see the year end before transferring money from savings.
- 2) Overall memberships were down and ground maintenance was a little higher than budgeted because tree trimming had not been budgeted.
- 3) Beth asked if there has been a savings from pool supplies. Larry said as long as below the \$5,000 budgeted amount, it is ok.
- 4) Repairs were under budgeted and will budget more next year. Most of the pool repairs are being done by Paul Harris. While it is hard to guestimate next year's repair budget, there have been no overall surprises this year.

New business:

- 1) Fiesta parade tickets: Larry and Alan have been handling ticket sales for years. Alan has done the day parade and Larry has done the night parade with Jerry. It is an annual profit of \$2,000-3,000. This last year there were problems with the ticketholders getting belligerent with police, more alcohol, trash. Alan and Larry are tired of the headache. There was discussion to see if there were other options for CHF to keep the permit from the City but subletting the permit is not allowed by the City. Once CHF gives up the permit, the permit will go to someone else.

Larry moved that CHFBOD no longer sell Fiesta tickets. It was unanimously approved.

- 2) CHF Sign: Jennifer and Jerry and Lori have collected bids for a new CHF sign. Bukholz was not in favor of a new sign going up on his property on the right hand side of the front entrance. TxDot will not allow a new sign on the wall in front. Sullivan does not call back about allowing a sign on the left hand side and there are several items blocking visibility on the left side already. To pay for a new sign, \$5,000 comes from the payment of damage to the old sign and \$3,000 will come from surpluses in savings; \$260 was received in donations. The bid received was from Sam Salas and the committee decided the sign would be best by the area by the flat. It will also contain a marquee to post messages for CHF and the website. It will take about 2 weeks to start and finish. It also includes repairs to the

sidewalk by the pool and removal of the old sign on Sullivan's property. David moved to approve the bid for the new sign at a cost of \$9,681 as presented. It was unanimously approved.

Pool/Rec: Beth

- 1) There are some sprinklers that need to be repaired by the pool.
- 2) Marge heard that some CHF residents have memberships in Oak Meadow pool. Marge will find out more. Oak Meadows offers pool membership discounts in Nov/Dec.

Web: Chris did not have an update.

Communications: Jennifer

- 1) Need articles for newsletter tomorrow.
- 2) Working on scheduling Dial a Trailer.

Social: Marge

- 1) NNO was a hugh success. Guests included: Mayor Castro, Councilman Williams, Vance Jackson Fire Dept., Susan Campbell from Hardberger Park, David McCrary from City Waste Dept. David and All grilled. The Women's club made cookies and Chris had snow cones.
- 2) 4th Monday is Bunco.
- 3) Book Club is Wed. 2 pm
- 4) Halloween Carnival will be Monday, 10/31 after school. Tina Johnson is planning.

Women's Club: Ellen indicated there was no new update.

Neighborhood Update: David

- 1) Update from NNOD: City Manager presented the FY 2012-17 bond program; more on sa.gov; vote May 2012.
- 2) Phase 3 plans at Hardberger Park;
- 3) Ken Lawrence 2011 NEISD bond presentation; vote Nov 28 with early voting the week before; there is no property increase for 65 or older.
- 4) Walmart is interested in the property at the SW corner of Blanco and Wurzbach Parkway.
- 5) Hardberger Park events, all 9-11 a.m.:
 - a) 10/11 Batty for Bats
 - b) 11/5 Native plant hike
 - c) 11/26 Talking Turkey
 - d) 12/3 Dinosaur George
- 6) David will see about putting the NNOD updates directly on the CHF Blog and Chris could put a link to NNOD on our website.

Old Business – none

New Business:

- 1) Ellen reported that there have been speeding cars in the alleyway. It was suggested to call our Safe Officer Hank Quiroga to see about a patrol.
- 2) Christmas decoration contest will be judged Dec. 19. Prizes are 1st-\$100; 2nd-\$50; 3rd-\$25.
- 3) The annual meeting is usually second Tuesday and falls on Valentine's Day. It was moved and passed unanimously to hold annual meeting on February 7 to avoid conflict with Valentine's Day.
- 4) There was a complaint of graffiti on Knightswood. Jennifer will call Gerry Yost about a code compliance complaint.
- 5) There was a complaint about a young boy shooting a pellet gun from a tree. Jennifer will call our SAFE officer.
- 6) Nothing new has been heard from Firestone.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Next meeting is Nov. 9, 2011.