

Draft Facilities and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6th, 10AM, Via Zoom

Call to Order: 10:02

Attendance: Kathy Ritschel, Taylor Ward, Karen Koon, David Sorkin, and Kim Kiplin

Board Members: Joseph Gutierrez

HOACMO Staff: Mike Rogers and Jessica Neal

Approval of the agenda and the August 2nd meeting minutes: The agenda was amended to include an item in New Business: Community Center Usage Guidelines. The agenda was approved with the amendment and the August minutes were approved as written.

Community Center Xeriscape/Pollinator Garden – *Karen Koon*

The team is working on laying out the proposed Bocce court. There are weeds coming up and there will be an eBlast sent for a call for volunteers to weed. There are many gopher holes and Mike Rogers will seek more traps which Karen will monitor.

Operations Manager Report – *Mike Rogers*

The contractors for the new Maintenance Facility will be receiving payment soon to begin preliminary work. Residents will be alerted when parking and court access will be unavailable in the area.

Mike is in contact with M&M, the contractor responsible for the Dog Park gate system, to discuss adding more material to prevent misuse of the gate system.

Pool Report

The pool team is working to keep the pool open as long as possible. The Committee thanked the pool staff for doing their best to remain open.

Board Liaison Report – *Joseph Gutierrez*

The Finance Committee is working on finalizing the 2024 draft budget. The Conservation Committee is proposing a new staff position, which will be brought forth to the Board for recommendation. The Budget Town Hall will take place in late October or early November. Based on the replacement and reserve forecast for the next five years, there will likely be a 5-10% assessment increase in 2024. Any excess funds will be directly deposited into reserves.

Old Business:

- The Paser Study was completed, and the state has approved grant funding, but the money has not been released.
- The Dog Park Subcommittee is looking at including a waiver of liability and continuing to clean up the outdated Dog Park rules. Once the subcommittee

takes a stand on a spay/neuter clause, the rules will be recommended to the Board for approval.

New Business:

- It was proposed the benches from the old pollinator garden at the school be placed along locations in the greenbelt. Kathy will discuss the idea with Amelia and Mike and Kathy will ride around and scout potential locations.
- The F&G Fall Town Hall is scheduled for October 24 at 6 PM. The Committee will be requesting feedback and questions be submitted ahead of time.
- Marie Aragon will facilitate the Oct. 4 meeting.

Open Forum:

- A resident shared her concern of power/electric bikes on the hike/bike paths. She proposed safety recommendations based on research from other cities and communities. She also recommended ECIA work with the County for signage on the Rail Trail. Kathy will work with the resident to develop a presentation for the Board.
- A resident shared her concern of the possibility of the deep end being filled. She indicated that learning how to tread water is a necessary and essential water safety skill. She requested more information on what ECIA can maintain under the current insurance parameters.
- A resident requested more information regarding lessons for profit at ECIA amenities. She stated she has a baseball team that would like to use the field for practice, but wanted confirmation this can take place. Because the coach is not collecting income for lessons, they are more than welcome to use the field for practice. The resident also indicated there are some pieces of metal poking out along the Dog Park. Mike and the maintenance team will locate and repair.

Adjournment: 11:19 AM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 10 AM on Zoom