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TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

A virtual regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sharpstown Civic Association was held on **Monday, August 10, 2020** via Skype.

Minutes

6:35 P.M. – ROLL CALL Quorum was met.

Absent: Directors Almena Downey, Donna Fain, Heather Handley, John Lorenz, Kate Washmon.

Present: Directors Matthew Cowan, Dale Davidson, Charmaine Leblanc, Pat Menville, Elizabeth Schooler, Byrom Wehner, and Matt Wine. Director Kate Washmon joined the meeting at a later point.

Others Present: None

- Director Matt Wine, President, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.
- Receive Appeals Relating to Deed Restriction Violations and/or Architectural Control Issues: NONE
- PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.
- MINUTES: Matt Wine submitted the July 13, 2020 minutes, as amended to include July 29, 2020 electronic polling, for adoption. Motion was made by Charmaine LeBlanc to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Elizabeth Schooler. All voted in favor to adopt the minutes.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - Matt Wine thanked directors who participated in the July 23 virtual General Meeting. The August virtual General Meeting will be held on August 27 and streamed on Facebook. Efforts are underway to make the meetings available on other platforms such as YouTube.
 - Matt Wine recapped the successful District J Community Day held on July 18 to distribute food and masks in the Southwest area. Several SCA directors participated in the assistance effort.
 - Dale Davidson reported that collection of August Junk Waste began Monday using contract services in some areas of Sharpstown.

- Houston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual meeting on August 20 at 7 p.m. to update the community on the Centerpoint trail project. HPARD will send meeting notices to residents abutting the trail.
- Pat Menville and Charmaine LeBlanc informed the board that the September/October SCAN is in process. Deadline for submission of articles is Monday, August 17.
- Matt Wine and Charmaine LeBlanc presented the July crime and safety report, which again showed exceptionally low levels of reported crime. Charmaine LeBlanc told the Board that the HPD overtime contract for education and enforcement is awaiting City approval. A Board member will participate as a ride along, amplifying the impact of the program. A fundraising event benefitting the families of fallen HPD officers Knox and Cormier will be publicized via email and other media. Directors were encouraged to participate in the endeavor.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE The July Financial Report will be sent to all directors for their review. Charmaine LeBlanc is awaiting formal forgiveness of the PPP loan.

Pat Menville informed directors that bills for legal fees went out at the end of July. The Spanish language letters recently implemented have results in additional payments.

- OLD BUSINESS

- A draft of the proposed security camera policy is still under review by the attorneys.
- Directors discussed plans for presentation of updated deed restrictions. Directors further discussed revising language related to authorization of increased assessments. Director Matthew Cowan made a motion to remove the terms "CPI" and "Consumer Price Index" from the proposed text, replacing them with "2%". Elizabeth Schooler seconded the motion and it passed. A special called Board meeting will be held, either in person or virtually, on August 17 at 6:30 p.m. to further discuss plans for obtaining signatures.
- Matt Wine and Charmaine LeBlanc informed the directors that the ongoing uncertainty of Covid-19 restrictions makes it impossible to prepare for a September 5 fireworks display. Alternative dates were discussed. If the fireworks are re-scheduled into 2021, an additional \$1,200 will be needed to fund them.
- Work has begun to implement the new SmartWebs software. It will take approximately 60 days to populate the new program and migrate existing data.
- Matthew Cowan reported on efforts to solicit candidates for directors and officers. Directors were encouraged to reach out to possible nominees.

- NEW BUSINESS
 - Matt Wine briefed the directors on the City of Houston Slow Streets Program. The program didn't appear to offer benefits to the Sharpstown area given the configuration of area streets.
 - Charmaine LeBlanc told directors that the new Prince's Hamburger location at the Sharpstown Community Center/Golf Course has strong ownership ties to Sharpstown. Directors discussed how to support a new neighborhood business.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:16 p.m. Dale Davidson made a motion that Items 1, 3 and 4 be sent to the attorneys for enforcement; Elizabeth Schooler seconded the motion and it passed.

Pat Menville made a motion that Item 2 be sent to the attorneys for enforcement, if the violation falls within the enforcement purview of the SCA. Byrom Wehner seconded the motion and it passed.

Elizabeth Schooler made a motion related to Item 5 that the attorneys be authorized to file suit in the matter. Dale Davidson seconded the motion and it passed.

Dale Davidson briefed the directors on the ongoing efforts to revitalize the former Ruffino road landfill area. Matt Wine recapped various action items and thanked those present for their time and efforts on behalf of the SCA.

- ADJOURNMENT: 8:29 P.M.

Submitted by Pat Menville