

SCHIEVELING PLANTATION HOA MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2018

In Attendance: Chris Gilbert, President; Aggie Ricks, Vice President; Denis Lesieur, Treasurer; Tricia Daughtry, Secretary; Carolyn Hughes, Grounds Committee; Joe Lucas, ARB

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: The minutes were approved

Grounds – Carolyn Hughes

The committee has selected Bartlett Tree Service to complete the tree work in the neighborhood. They will begin with removing small trees inappropriately competing with the larger oaks as well as trimming branches overhanging resident houses and garages in the park area and then move to the necessary tree work around the clubhouse. After that, everything will be re-assessed. If sufficient funds are available, they will then work on the oak alley. C. Hughes will ask our lawn service to trim the bushes overhanging the sidewalks on HOA property.

One resident raised concerns about the retention ponds not working effectively and the creek that runs under Fair Spring Drive no longer running freely because it is full of silt. As a result, during heavy rains, water has piled up on Fair Spring and could possibly overflow. The concern is with future flooding. D. Lesieur has asked the city to look into these issues but they have not responded. D. Lesieur and C. Hughes will follow up on this.

Another resident expressed concerns about the playground and how it needs some attention. There is a substantial gap between the ground and the bottom of the edging around the playground, causing the mulch to wash away. As a result, there is no way to replace the mulch at this time. C. Hughes said she would take look at this issue.

President's report – Chris Gilbert

Newsletter: C. Gilbert would like to continue doing the newsletter on a regular basis and would like input from others

The Longest Table: The city has approached our HOA to seek their participation at the "Longest Table." The Longest Table is an opportunity for neighborhoods in West Ashley to get together and discuss common issues. It is only in the planning stages now. C. Gilbert and D. Lesieur will attend. C. Gilbert also met with Sandy Senn, State Senator. She reported that Highway 61 is one of the deadliest roads in the state so the DOT will be widening it several feet on both sides to make it safer.

Special Projects & Events: C. Gilbert proposed having a Halloween Party again at the clubhouse. He will ask if the Nash's are planning to hold it at their house this year. If not, it will be held at the clubhouse. He also proposed having a kids' movie night. The annual Christmas party was discussed. It was recommended that there be both a children and adult party this year. Lynn and Kelly are willing to help with the adult party. For the past few years, there has not been a children's party because nobody has wanted to manage it. If there is to be a children's party this year, we would need a volunteer to organize and run it. Aggie Ricks, Vice President offered to be the Social Committee Chair, to organize and run these events. One resident proposed doing a Christmas movie night. This idea was well received.

Treasurer's report – Denis Lesieur

Budget Items: The budget is in good shape because projects that were budgeted for have not been completed. The tree work for the park and clubhouse will cost between \$5000 and \$6000 and the tree work at the entrance will cost about \$15,000. Only one person has not paid their annual dues. Approximately 39 people took advantage of the 2-payment option for the special assessment for the pool, which amounts to approximately \$6000. The last SCE&G bill was discounted about \$400.

Credit Card Payment Options: A variety of options for using a credit card to pay annual dues have been researched and were discussed. This will be explored more thoroughly prior to the annual payment due date.

Secretary's report – Tricia Daughtry

Survey Monkey Results reviewed:
108 people responded

Q1: When should the pool close this year?

65% said at the end of October
22% said at the end of September as usual
Other responses included mid-October or as weather permits

Q3: When should the pool close every year?

58% said October 31st
32% said September 30th
2 said mid-October and 2 said as long as possible so the vast majority would like a later closing date

Q2: When should the pool open every year?

45% said May 1st
47% said before May 1st
Other responses included earlier than May 1st depending on the weather, which made more than 50% say before May 1st.

Q4: What amenity do we need most?

32% said a Pavilion in the lot next to the pool
18% said a kiddie pool or splash pad
10% said benches or seating in park area near playground
40% chose "Other"

Q4: What improvement do we need most?

18% said better quality street signs
17% said landscaping on the islands
17% said improvements to the playground
14% said improvements to the pool furniture
19% chose "Other"

For "Other" responses on both questions, 17 respondents said we needed no improvements and should just maintain what we have.

Discussion revolved around how much it will cost to keep the pool open every month before a decision is made to keep it open any longer. It costs an additional \$100 to keep the pool open each month.

Serious concerns related to speeding in and through the neighborhood were discussed. The addition of speed bumps and reducing the speed limit were both proposed. One resident on Macbeth Creek has already asked the city to assess that road for speed bumps due to residents of McLaura Bluff speeding down that road. The city denied her request due to not enough traffic. T. Daughtry reported that many years ago, Fair Spring Drive was approved for speed bumps but the HOA did not want them at that time so they were not installed.

The desperate need for a Maintenance Chair was discussed. After much discussion, it was determined that the existing maintenance items could be addressed through a neighborhood day of caring. C. Gilbert presented his idea of starting a Schieveling Day of Caring like the Trident United Way Day of Caring. His idea is to have a day of caring to both assist those in the neighborhood who need help with home repairs and to complete repairs in and around the neighborhood. More details on the Day of Caring are forthcoming.

Committee reports:

Pool – Linda Spates via email: Pool season is going well. She wanted to remind everyone to take their items with them when they leave and to continue to use the large trash and recycling bins outside the main gate.

Clubhouse – Linda Spates via email: 8 paid and completed rentals so far this year, no problems. 3 Back Porch rentals paid and completed, one this coming weekend. No problems. We have hired a new cleaning company for the clubhouse. There is no increase in the event cleaning fee. We had them do a deep clean as a paid trial.

Maintenance – Wayne Spates via email: Brick walkway in the front of the clubhouse: we hired a masonry contractor to drill out all the broken/cracked masonry, level the walkway, and put in new mortar.

Social – Aggie Hicks agreed to be social chair

ARB – Joe Lucas wanted to remind residents that they must obtain ARB approval before putting up a fence, painting their house, completing landscape plans, adding additions, cutting down trees, etc. Residents do not need approval for general landscaping or painting the house the same color.

Compliance – Chris Gilbert – a couch appeared on the circle at the end of Rhett Butler. It is unclear if a resident put it there or not. Please call Carolina Waste to schedule a pick up for large items in the future. Please do not park in the street overnight. The board has received mysterious emails complaining about residents from an anonymous account. We cannot and will not respond to those emails.

New Business – A resident presented a request for the neighborhood to get on the list for neighborhood-wide gas installation. If we get enough interest, we could get gas lines installed free of charge. However, this may be in a holding pattern due to the take-over of SCE&G. Please let the HOA know if you are interested in adding a gas line to your home.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm