

Folsom Lake Estates Homeowners Association

August 11, 2020, 7:00pm

FLE Park, Granite Bay

IN ATTENDANCE

- **Board Members:** Jennifer Makol, Sharon Russo, Chris Vadnais
- **Unit 2:** Susan Moss, Garen McCune, Juliet Voigtlander
- **Unit 1:**

OPEN FORUM/HOMEOWNER COMMENTS: Admin reported that an assortment of suggestions/comments had been submitted online by members, including:

- **Tennis Court Reservation System:** The Board agreed to consider adopting the public parks' self-policing system, whereby members who wish to play but find the court busy place their racket on the fence, thus starting a 45-minute countdown for the court to be relinquished to the new players. A policy sign could be affixed to the fence.
- **Stop sign at Fern Leaf/Oak Leaf:** Two members expressed opposition.
- **Post Office Outgoing Mailbox in FLE:** The Board does not think this is practical, given that the USPS has been eliminating blue boxes due to budget cuts. They also feel it is unnecessary for our neighborhood, since outgoing mail slots/boxes are available for purchase by individual homeowners.
- **Digital Directory:** Received votes both for and against this option. The Board wants to table this item until closer to the next publication date (2022) and then survey the membership again.

A neighbor in attendance suggested a memory garden/meditative space for the open area of the park (see more on this topic below under "Old Business").

REVIEW OF APPROVED JUNE 2020 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: No changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current balance stands at approximately \$164,000, which is approximately \$9,000 more than the same time last year. Expenses incurred since the previous budget report (5/31/20) were approximately \$7,200, leaving accounts in good standing. The HOA's CD matured in July 2020 and was closed. The entire CD balance (\$92,448) was deposited in a new "Reserve" account; approximately \$12,000 will be transferred from the main checking account to the reserve account to fully fund the budget, per CA HOA laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Architectural Review:** The Architectural Committee Chairman presented approved plans for a home at 6205 MacDuff Drive, which the Board also approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Park Update:**
 - **Bare/Open Area Member Input:** Admin reported that after soliciting feedback online, an assortment of suggestions/votes had been submitted by members, including, in order of popularity/feasibility: sand-alternative volleyball pit; expanded soccer/t-ball field; bocce ball court; exercise equipment; community garden; amphitheater; lap pool; and a larger playground. The Board agreed to pursue research/estimates for the top 3 suggestions, if the members who suggested them are willing to volunteer to do the legwork. Admin will contact them to assess their interest. Once estimates are in hand, the Board will survey the full membership's opinion on which option to pursue. Member-at-Large Russo, who has done some preliminary research on the volleyball option, reported these findings: a grass court would be the least expensive/easiest to maintain and would require only purchasing poles; VersaCourt system (rubber composite) is another, more expensive option; if sand is used, we could purchase a tarp/cover that would

anchor to the ground – would necessitate oversight to ensure it is always covered to prevent cats, needles, etc. Secretary Vadnais agreed to research the soccer/t-ball expansion idea. He also suggested that it might be time to invest in installing power at the park, which would allow us to install security and decorative tree lights, power our own irrigation system (rather than tapping into the neighbor's), and more.

- **Tree Maintenance Estimates:** Estimates from 5 different contractors were considered. The Board voted to hire STC Tree Care (certified arborist) based on their work proposal and affordable fee. They will perform deadwood removal, end weight reduction, and crown raising wherever necessary throughout the park, and they will also remove (and flush cut the stump) the valley oak that hangs over the basketball hoop. Wood chips will be deposited at the park for the landscape company to spread. The Board requested that we get an additional estimate for raising up by 6 feet all of the trees that line the back of the soccer field, per police advice. We expect the work to be completed by the end of September.
- **Stop Sign at Oak Leaf / Fern Leaf:** Member-at-Large Russo has nothing new to report since the County can't observe normal traffic patterns until the pandemic/stay-at-home mandate ends. Note that 2 members expressed opposition to a stop sign, as reported above.
- **Octoberfest:** This event has been canceled, due to the continued pandemic lockdown/ban on social gatherings.
- **Internet:** Bart Zitnitsky, who leads a group of 7 HOA members investigating the potential for high-speed internet, provided this update by email: They've been "Zooming" weekly; they've contacted CCI, Dianne Feinstein's office, Supervisor Suzanne Jones, and Tom McClintock's office. The best option for our neighborhood and least expensive approach for CCI appears to be converting the 4 maintenance/transmission boxes in the community from ADSL to VDSL, which should increase the max of 20 Mbps to 50 Mbps (note that one of the group members who contacted Admin separately indicated that this would actually increase the max to 100 Mbps). Bart mentioned the possible need for additional neighborhood participation as the process moves forward, and he will provide monthly updates for the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fire Safety Letters:** Only one letter needed to be sent this year. The neighbors have complied.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm, 3/0/0.