

Minutes of the quarterly HOA meeting
Dakota Crossing Homeowners Association
September 29, 2022

The meeting was called to order at **7:03pm** by **Dave**.

A. Roll Call

There were 8 Homeowners in attendance plus 3 board members.

B. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Notice sent via postal mail and email as a part of Fall newsletter

C. Introduction of the Board of Directors

Dave, President (term expires this year)

Olga, Vice-President (2 years remaining in term)

Andy, Secretary/Treasurer (3 years remaining in term)

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be posted on website from previous meeting (April)

E. Old Business

- None

F. New Business

- Halloween contest – submit pumpkin pictures between 10/10 and 10/29. Drawing for Creative/Funny/Scary pumpkin will happen on 10/30
- Budget discussion
 - Today we have \$20k+ in surplus in our operating account
 - Would like to maintain one year of surplus which is about \$8k, so we have way more than we need
 - Proposing \$100 dues (\$20 reduction)
 - Last thing we want to do is reduce and then increase again, but based on trends today, we could easily keep this \$100 dues amount for 5 years and re-assess at that point
 - Discussed options for using extra money for sidewalk plowing, etc. – homeowners were generally against this option as it would likely be pricey, and most homeowners are ok managing their own sidewalks
- Nominations for board spot
 - No nominations at this point (suggestion was raised to involve new homeowners)
 - We will send communication asking for nominations, but please reach out to neighbors and/or the board if you have suggestions or nominees
- Winter sidewalk and maintenance discussion
 - All but 2-3 homes did a great job of maintaining their sidewalks last winter
 - There were volunteers in the meeting that offered to help shovel/plow if needed when homeowners are out of town.

- As we did toward the end of last year, the board will work with the city if there are issues this year since it is a city ordinance to clear your sidewalk.

G. Homeowner questions

- Monument refresh
 - Mulch and plants in the spring (Katie)
 - Fall decorations (Hayley)
 - Need new lights – next year’s budget
- Jellyfish lights (and similar companies)
 - Are these ok? Do they need approval? (no, they do not since they are hidden from view)
 - That said, if the lights become inappropriately used (i.e. multi-color all year long) then it would be an issue we would need to address
 - How much are these? It varies, but likely a few thousand dollars each.
- Solar panels
 - Do we need an approval from the board? Yes. The rules were updated a little over a year ago to include specifications for solar panels. Every solar panel company we’ve worked with is aware of such rules and shouldn’t have a problem.
- Tree swap
 - If I’m swapping a tree for the same tree, do I need approval? No, as long as it’s one-for-one, you do not need board approval.
- What will happen with late fees assess during dues this last year? Given there was so much confusion, the board has asked the management company to eliminate and refund all late fees for anyone who paid their dues (which is everyone in the neighborhood). If you paid late fees, those should be a credit on your account. If you aren’t seeing this to be the case, please email board@dakotacrossinghoa.org and let us know and we’ll work with Cities Management to get it fixed.

H. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Andy Marble, Secretary