

Minutes Clearidge HOA Board Meeting

4610 Cypress Drive, Anacortes

September 16, 2024

Board Attendees: Janet Duncan, Timothy Hall, Barbara King, Walter Racette, Warren Walz, and Web Master Tom Young

President Janet Duncan called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

The 6/4/24 minutes were approved by the board.

The board accepted the treasurer's report of 9/2//24 as presented. The report is to be filed with the 9/16/24 minutes.

The treasurer's report caused discussion about the value of the summer postcard mailing. It became clear the mailing had value. Members who paid then paid again (not a problem). New people became members. \$200 in donations were received. In the end, the mailing expenses were less than the income received from the mailing. Next year's board can decide whether to have the summer postcard and who will do it.

President Janet Duncan donated the required \$20 state registration fee. The HOA debit card cannot be used for the purpose.

In July Tim Hall met with Justin Counts, owner of "Three Men." Justin was very cooperative and seems willing to do anything regarding landscaping. Justin's only concern was the watering of new plantings. He had no reservations about the current contract.

Tim also met with his contact at Plantas nativa, LLC in Bellingham. The contact does not want to return for another onsite visit. Currently the available stock of native plants is down. The situation will be better in the later fall.

Tim prepared a diagram for a test plot on the 18' X 75" western portion of the frontage landscape. On the diagram, with the exception of a Douglas Maple, the suggested plants are shrublike. Tim prefers to do the plantings himself with the aid of specific qualified helpers. He wants smaller plants rather than larger. The approximate costs are \$360 for plants, \$70 for supplies, and \$200 for planting materials. The budget has funds that easily cover the roughly \$600 expenditure. No tree cutting would be required. The proposed test plan does not follow the current landscaping plan but it seems a worthwhile venture.

Warren moved that Tim go forward with the presented plan for a November planting, which will depend on the weather. The board approved.

Janet mentioned her gardener will cut and haul away a tree for \$300 but not grind the stump.

Current board members agreed they are willing to serve on the 2025 board. It was unanimous that Warren remain as treasurer due to his expertise. Tom Young also agreed to serve on the board. Both Susan and Adrian Yee have been asked if they are interested in serving.

The annual meeting was briefly mentioned. The announcement letter goes to all Clearidge property owners. The letter should contain the board's vision regarding the new plantings.

Tom Young gave an update on WIX and GoDaddy. The Clearidge domain name is still maintained with GoDaddy. The GoDaddy renewal is October 19. It is better not to change this year. Wicks can also maintain the domain name. Wicks has different levels of service. Currently we are on the pro level. An “unlimited” level is just below and \$60/year would be saved.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024, at 2 PM

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara King, Secretary
