

## **Minutes Clearidge HOA Meeting**

June 4, 2024

Board attendees: Janet Duncan, Timothy Hall, Warren Walz, Walter Racette and guests for Landscaping report Mr. and Mrs. Peterson

President Duncan called the meeting to order at 2:05

The minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting were approved by the board.

The treasurer's report was given and approved by the board. The treasurer reported that dues were down slightly versus the same time last year. Due to donations exceeding last year, the overall budget was favorable.

Trade mark issue report: President Duncan had contacted the Secretary of State office in regards to a need for a Clearidge trade mark. The State office advised that there is no need to protect domain name as it is already registered. The board decided not to seek a trade mark for our HOA.

Board Recruitment: President Duncan has had conversation with a possible new board member. No other names were mentioned, but board members were asked to keep up the search.

Landscaping Report: There was discussion regarding the options in dealing with the frontage landscape as it is the major expense and responsibility as we move forward. Currently there are three missing trees, flowering plum. Tim had conversation with an arborist, Mr. Booker, regarding his recommendations as we plan the replacement and or additions to the frontage planting. It was generally agreed that we should replace the trees with a more native species as our budget would allow over time. One example was a Douglass Maple. Warren estimated that we would have approximately four thousand dollars per year for landscaping plant replacement.

Mr. Booker recommended the clumping of plants instead of “in line” planting as well as not using ground cover for the area. Several native plant suggestions were also made by Mr. Booker. It was noted that any new planting would still initially require deer protection and hand watering. Tim will do his best to seek an on site visit with Mr. Booker.

Frontage Maintenance: Three men and a mower currently have the contract to maintain the frontage landscape. Janet was going to contact another gardening company to compare price/service options. The estimate of the frontage area is 15’x 1000’. Tim has tagged 9 different plants for removal and the current landscape company will remove them at no extra charge. Warren suggested that we plant a Douglass Maple in one of the current missing trees as a trial. Tim would make a cost plan for replacing the tree and clump plants as part of the trial. Janet was going to check on the cost of tree removal from people she has used previously to assist our planning. The need for a community work party was discussed.

Executive Session: The mailer post card edit was conducted with few changes. 6”x9” card: Tim suggested “landscaping improvement” be added. The postage had already been paid and two hundred cards will be ordered after the board gives its final approval.

New Business: Discussion with regard to WIX website developer cost, \$622 per year. The board will evaluate this expense with hope of finding a better value for hosting the website.

There was a discussion regarding the placement of a wall by a property owner on the west end of the frontage. Warren will check with the city regarding a permit to do so as well as its location and tree removal and report his findings at the next board meeting.

NEXT MEETING CHANGE September meeting now September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Board meeting ended at 3:15

Submitted by  
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