

THE SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Clubhouse - 400 Woodbridge Road, Longwood, FL

Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were: Jerry Alexandrowicz, President; Jerry Crews, Vice President; Robert Johnston, Treasurer; Austin Beeghly, Secretary and directors Mark Sposato, James Cornell, and Rosie Sterling. Community Association Manager, David Forthuber, was present. Approximately 45 home owners also attended.

CALL TO ORDER

Noting that the meeting had been properly posted and a quorum was present, Board President Jerry Alexandrowicz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jerry Alexandrowicz advised he had no report this month and simply wished everyone happy December holidays. He noted that the meeting tonight would replace the one scheduled for 12/20/17 and had been called early to accommodate member interest in discussing the purchase of bear cans.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Austin Beeghly advised that the November 15, 2017 minutes had been reviewed and are accurate. *Austin Beeghly moved to approve them. Jerry Crews seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Forthuber noted that the financial report was not due until 12/15 in time for the originally scheduled 12/20 meeting. He will provide that information to the directors by 12/20.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – The manager's monthly report will be provided by 12/20/17.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – No committee reports presented.

MEMBERS OPEN FORUM – Mr. Alexandrowicz opened the floor to member comment on the bear cans.

- Chris Culberson, Shadowood, said he felt members were ready to comply with a requirement to use bear-resistant cans. He hope that a quantity of 32-gallon cans will be made available for those who cannot accommodate 64-gallon cans at their homes. He asked if size samples could be provided.
- Jim Barwick, Spreading Oak, admits to having several "cool" close encounters with bears and the need to pick up trash a few times, but he doesn't feel the cans are really needed.
- Vicki Sprysenski, Whispering Pines, said she's had bears in the trashcans even as early as 7 a.m. She strongly encourages the Board to purchase them and to adopt a resolution requiring their use. She thanks the Board for considering these steps and also for contracting to do two short gates at the entry.
- Ron Maisel, Whispering Pines, says the requirement to have 100% compliance in using bear-proof cans is fine with him. The Board needs to act while the county's offer is on the table. He understands the need to act expeditiously and for the SCA to purchase the cans up front but hopes the Board will seek repayment by the members receiving the cans.
- Shannon Carranza, Spreading Oak, says she agrees with Ron Maisel more or less and feels the mandate is essential. Everyone needs to have a can and use it.
- Ian Barnes, Spreading Oak, represented his parents who are out of state. They urge mandatory use of the bear-proof cans. They acknowledge that although their cans are picked up close to 7 a.m. many others in the SCA have to wait until afternoon for pick up.
- Sheldon Brandau, Wisteria Drive, applauds 100% participation in using bear-proof cans and doesn't care who pays for it. His pick up is late in the day.
- Shelley Ferrone, Lost Spring Court, says she wants the use of bear-proof cans required and she also wants the penalties in place to enforce their use strictly observed.
- Joe Pacholski, Sand Pine Lane, says "do it!" Who cares who pays? Open garage doors are also a big issue that he's observed. Security should be asked to report open garages whenever they patrol. People should also avoid putting food scented items in recycle bins. Dogs shouldn't be walked on long leashes.
- Maegan Vallillo, Wild Fern, says yes to 100% participation/compliance and supports SCA purchase.

- Neal McShane, Lost Spring Court, says he's 100% in favor of requiring bear-proof cans; their use should be mandatory and the Board should assess members for the expense of the cans.
- George Diaz, Wisteria Drive, says he whole-heartedly supports requiring the use of bear cans by every member of the SCA and also supports SCA ownership of the bear-cans.
- Bill Miner, Woodbridge Road, supports using the bear cans and hopes for a smaller size to use at his condo.
- Laura Garcia, Wild Plum, is very tired of cleaning up trash on her street after the bears open the cans and drag it everywhere.

OLD BUSINESS: Jerry Alexandrowicz asked the directors to confirm their emailed vote 10 days ago on proceeding with a contract to install two short gates at the resident entry lane at a cost of \$6594 to speed entry, eliminate tail-gating, and minimize down-time with recurring repair of the long arm. *Jerry Crews moved to confirm the motion to contract with Lane Electronics to install the two new operators. Rosie Sterling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* Installation is to begin after January 1, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Alexandrowicz asked the Board of Directors to vote on three separate resolutions regarding the community interest in having bear-resistant garbage cans at each home in The Springs: the first to authorize use of contingency funds to purchase the cans; the second to decide on ownership and shared responsibility to pay for their purchase; the third to adopt revisions to mandate the use of the bear-resistant cans.

- *Jerry Alexandrowicz moved to spend up to \$38,000 from the SCA contingency fund to purchase 879 bear-resistant cans at the HOA discounted price of \$42.14 per can. Rosie Sterling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- *Austin Beeghly moved to provide the bear-resistant cans to each owner without any requirement that they pay for them, that the cans be regarded as the owner's property for as long as they reside in the SCA, but that owners must transfer the bear-resistant cans to whomever purchases their property, and that the Board adopt the revisions to Regulation 11A which establish a requirement that every homeowner use a bear resistant can for the collection of their garbage and keep their garage doors closed to prevent bears from foraging for food at the home. Rosie Sterling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- *Jerry Alexandrowicz moved to have SCA members vote on an amendment in January 2018 adding the requirements of Regulation 11A to the SCA's Covenants and Restriction, thereby preserving the mandate for future generations of home owners and members.*

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Austin Beeghly, Secretary

2-27-18

Date