

SCCAH BOD Board Meeting Highlights June 28, 2023

The Sun City Community Association Board of Directors Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Birch Room. The meeting was also streamed live via YouTube. Six directors were physically present, and Roger Lambert participated by phone. This document is provided as an informational service to Sun City residents and should NOT be construed as the official minutes of the meeting.

Committee/Council Presentation: Mr. Jim Papak, Chairperson of the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) addressed the Board. He indicated that the NAC is having difficulty finding new volunteers to be Neighborhood Representatives. Many reps have been in those positions for a number of years. In an effort to address this shortage, the NAC has tried several strategies, including holding “round table discussions” for new ideas; hosting food drives for Grafton Pantry; and participating in the Charter Club Expo. Jim is encouraged by the level of cooperation between the NAC and the BOD and hopes that it will continue into the future. The Board is grateful to the NAC for their efforts in our community.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved with one item being added under New Business

Member Comments

- Three residents spoke on behalf of the Tennis Club. One stressed the danger of Director bias; one spoke about the need for tennis court repairs; and one called for greater transparency and sharing of information.
- One attendee complained about how some residents use her cul du sac for unauthorized purposes
- One resident talked about poor cell phone reception in his area and asked if something could be done about it
- One resident stated that, for several months, his “Talk to Staff” form regarding overgrown weeds near his home had gone unanswered, and that the weed problem still existed.
- Three residents spoke on behalf of the Sun City Sportsmen’s Club, urging the BOD not to dissolve its charter due to insurance risk concerns.

Approval of Minutes. By a unanimous vote, the Minutes of the May 24th and May 31 Board Meetings were approved with very minor corrections. It was also noted that the recently approved Board Communication Policy was distributed by e-blast, and is also available on the BOD Website.

Management Report

- Executive Director Deanna Loughran reported that the month of May generated a loss of \$48,000. We now have an unfavorable variance of \$92,000, mostly attributable to increased payroll.
- Corrections were made to the financial report of April 30. YTD income should have been \$165,000, not \$145,000 as previously stated.
- In an effort to keep attendees and performers cooler, the Lifestyles Committee tried out a tent at the first outdoor concert of the season at the amphitheater. Initial reaction to the idea was mostly positive.

- The website is undergoing an upgrade to a new version. This conversion started on June 5th and should take about 8 weeks to complete. More details in the September “Lifestyles”.
- The New Residents Orientation on July 19th will begin at **10:30 (time change)**.
- The Fun Walk & Roll was a success. Thanks to all who wore their neighborhood colors and participated!
- A shout out to Kelly Bertrand and the Fitness Staff for their work on the “Fun Walk and Roll”!
- There has been an increase in referrals for compliance issues, specifically matters that residents could traditionally handle among themselves. This places additional demands on staff time.

Village Board Meeting Reports

- Art Ryden attended the meeting on May 25th, and reported that the village will consider reflective street signs, which would be easier to read at night, for Sun City.
- Russ Howard attended the June 8th meeting. He did not report news of significant impact to Sun City.
- Jim Sanecki reported on the June 22nd meeting. The Village Board approved \$80,000 for a study to determine whether bicycle and walking/jogging lanes are feasible in Huntley.

Advisory Committee/Council Goals Reports Review and Acceptance - Each Board Liaison gave a brief update on his/er assigned committee or council.

Old Business

- The Board voted 7-0 to accept the recently modified audit.
- The Board voted 6 (Harrison, Sanecki, Lambert, Niemasz, Brewer, Howard) -1 (Ryden) to reduce the amount of sidewalk snow plowing. Beginning this year, only the area around Prairie Lodge and the adjacent lake path will be plowed.

New Business

- A motion item to approve a contract in the amount of \$92,458 to replace lighting fixtures throughout Prairie Lodge did not receive a second. The project will not proceed.
- On the recommendation of the Election Advisory Committee, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Sheri Goldstein to that committee. Her term will run until the end of 2024. Congratulations Ms. Goldstein, and thank you for your willingness to volunteer!
- By a 7-0 vote, the Board dissolved the charter of the Symposium Club. This was done at the request of the club membership.
- The Board, collaborating with Charter Club Presidents Council (CCPC) leadership, agreed that the Council Manual needs further revision. This will hopefully be done in time for the July meeting.
- After considerable discussion regarding the liability insurance risk represented by the activities of the Sun City Sportsmen’s Club (SCSC), the Board voted to allow the club to continue to function as it currently does. The vote was Yes -5 (Niemasz, Harrison, Howard, Brewer,

Sanecki); No-1 (Lambert); Abstention-1: (Ryden). This decision is subject to review as more complete insurance information is received.

- The Election Committee detailed to the Board some of the proposed changes to its manual. Conversation centered around phasing into a hybrid election of BOD candidates, and the need for each household to designate a primary voting member.
- The Board reviewed the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) report with the Chairperson, Mr. Dennis O’Leary. The report centered around possible repurposing of areas near Veterans Memorial Field, as well as possible changes in the Amphitheater and Pavilion areas. Other projects in the report were deemed to be longer range objectives to be dealt with in the future. The Board thanked the SPAC for this illuminating and insightful report.
- It was agreed that the Board will receive more detailed tracking of “Talk to Staff Forms” submitted by residents.

The Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 11:42 AM

The Meeting returned to open session at 12:45 PM

Modifications Appeals:

- The Board **denied** Appeal #21-243 by a 2-5 vote.
- The Board **denied** Appeal # 11-36 by a 1-6 vote
- The Board **denied** Appeal #28-228 by a 1-6 vote

Meeting Adjourned at 12:48 PM

Next Meeting: The next SCCAH BOD Meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Drendel Ballroom

Respectfully Submitted: Art Ryden, Secretary