

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB
MEETING NOTES
August 14, 2018

Laurie Leichman convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jean Holstein)

The current account balance is \$3,036.11. Taxes were filed. The Briar Chapel clubhouse address was used for the EIN.

BOULDER PARK EXPANSION (Liz Rolison)

Liz explained the scope of work. The proposal is to expand Boulder Park garden by extending 100 feet of fencing on the east side of the garden by 14 feet toward the rose trellis. The proposed space will be increased by one-third and consists of all in-ground beds. Myatt's estimate is \$7700.

The proposal was submitted to the Board in addition to the request for a third garden space near the Sports Park. The Board has agreed to earmark \$4000 in the 2019 budget for the Boulder expansion, leaving the club members responsible for the remaining \$3700. The club does not need to commit intention to move forward on this offer until December. Management indicated that the Board of Directors' goal is to have all Association clubs self-sustaining by the end of the year. A suggestion was made to obtain a second bid from Davis Landscape, Ltd. Liz will reach out to Chris Ward to share the project scope of work and request a bid. A member suggested that club members could amend the soil themselves to save on expenses. Liz shared that most of the cost was related to the fencing.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion: Obtain a second bid from Davis Landscape, Ltd; Motion passed.

Motion: Convene a small work group to draft a letter to the Board recommending that Association clubs be designated as chartered clubs and adopting Board policy and corresponding administrative procedures in accordance and defining the difference between capital expenses that are the responsibility of the Association to fund vs. operating expenses; Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP (Laurie Leichman)

The proposal to eliminate the cap on the number of households was presented and opened for discussion.

Motion: Eliminate the current policy of capping membership; Motion passed.

BYLAWS AMMENDMENT (Laurie Leichman)

As a result of the elimination of the cap on membership, the Bylaws, Article 2.2, needs revision.

Current language:

2.2 Dues/Renewal dues shall be paid annually for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31, and are determined by the general membership. Any change in dues shall be approved by the general membership. Club membership is required to be renewed annually. The enrollment period is September and October for the following calendar year. All dues must be paid by November 7. Members who resign during the membership year are not entitled to a refund of their dues.

Proposed language:

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This revision to Article 2.2 of the Bylaws will be presented to the full membership for a vote.

CLUB DUES (Laurie Leichman)

Currently, club dues are set at \$25 per household. A proposal to increase the dues was presented. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**Motion: Increase the annual membership dues to \$35 per household;
Motion passed.**

MUM AND PANSY SALES (Leila McKay)

Leila shared marketing strategy. Orders in the amount of \$300 have already been received. The sale will be/has been advertised on Nextdoor, in the Association Newsletter and Friday Flash, and through the use of signage around the community. Leila's team will be selling to the Veranda businesses and builders. Leila met with a representative from each builder and presented the sale as a benefit to their Parade of Homes. Sandy is developing a spreadsheet. Volunteers are lined up, but a few more may be needed on the pickup day. There may be an additional sale of spring flowers in May for Mothers' Day.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (Liz Rolison)

Dan Taylor's class was a success. He is willing to provide additional opportunities.

Brie Arthur will present "Foodscape Revolution" on Saturday, October 6, at 2:00 p.m. There is a \$200 fee for her engagement. This event is open to the community. Stacey will set up a table for Membership. Volunteers are needed the day of the event to set up and break down the tables and chairs.

The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Val and Liz will chair this event. Dan Taylor has agreed to prepare the entree.** Members will be asked to bring an appetizer, a vegetable/side dish, or a dessert. This event is open to club members and will celebrate a successful year in the gardens. (**Post meeting news.)

Stacey is planning a Bocce Ball Tournament for late Octobe

PLANTING REPORT (Laurie Leichman)

There was a brief discussion of why this year's yield was not as good as past years. The weather has taken its toll on this year's yield. A couple members are starting plants from seeds at home. The fall planting in Boulder is scheduled in two weeks. A survey is being developed and will be sent out early in the new year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM (Liz Rolison)

Liz asked for volunteers for this committee and discussed some ideas such as providing tours of the gardens and inviting neighbors, recruiting Swim Team members as interns in the gardens, and a wine and cheese party.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.