

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.

Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse-Ballroom, November 14, 2019
6601 Cascades Isle Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Board Members Present: Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, on facetime, Burt Dukoff, Teri Schoen, Gail Swartz, Trudy Lubitz, Stan Smolkin, Julian Melmed, Morris Stoler

Board Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Jeffrey Gross, General Manager, Robert Waples, Property Manager, Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, representing Castle Management

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dennis Deutsch, President of the Board of Directors. A Quorum of Directors was established.

Reading and Disposal of Prior Meeting Minutes: The Minutes were presented to the Board for the September 12, 2019 meeting. Morris Stoler made a motion to dispense with the reading and accept as printed and Stan Smolkin seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Burt Dukoff reported that the Operating Account has \$770,000 the Entertainment Account has \$110,000 the CD's are \$423,000 and Liabilities are \$614,000. As of the end of October 31st we are under budget \$18,000. Altogether there is \$80,000 in surplus.

Manager's Report: Jeffrey Gross reported that the satellite pool has added new lights and looks beautiful. The 2nd fountain has been repaired and has new filters. The pressure cleaning of the sidewalks in Lalique is now completed and now we are cleaning the walkway by the Café.

Robert Waples reported the review of the Documents has just a few items left then the Villages will vote with respect to the updates. We are taking away the Builders language and bringing in the amendments.

The south monument on Jog Rd needs spot lights to illuminate it. The LED lights around the monument do not work and are not an option this time. Ira Rubel agreed that we need to install LED spot lights and they must be mounted in the ground to illuminate the Cascades signage.

Tennis Court Bathrooms: Ira Rubel mentioned that it was not anticipated that the Palm Beach County Building Dept permits would take so long for the bathrooms. Once the

permits are issued then we will be in compliance with every Palm Beach County regulation including having hot water installed.

Proposal for Removal and Replacment of Trees on Jog Road: Jeffrey Gross reported that the trees along Jog Rd have become so big they have become a safety issue. It will be very hazardous for FPL to be able to cut them below the power lines. Jeffrey recommended to have the trees taken out and replace with small trees. He has gotten 3 bids \$28,000, \$35,000, and \$55,000. There was a discussion regarding what type of tree to replace with, how many trees and the cost of replacing the trees. Stan Smolkin made a motion to table for next month's meeting to have time to further research. Since there is such a disparity in the bids it would be good to hire an arborist consultant in order to get a recommendation on the best way to handle it. Stan motioned to hire an Arborist for a consultation and Morris Stoler seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Further Consideration of Lake Remediation: It was noted that the lakes have erosion and possibly need to be shored up and to put in more littorals to help filter the water. Lakes & Wetland have given a proposal of \$44,000. A discussion followed and Ira Rubel made a motion to have this tabled for 2 months to give the Lakes Committee time to investigate further. Teri Schoen seconded, the Board agreed, and Stan Smolkin opposed. Ira said that Stan Smolkin would be included in on the investigation.

Consideration of Bids and Award of Roads Contract: Dennis Deutsch opened the discussion about adding a crosswalk on Cascades Isle Blvd. He said that he felt that people would ignore the crosswalks and that they give a false sense of security and can create a dangerous situation. Ira mentioned that you cannot just put in a crosswalk, you must reconstruct the proper slope. The idea was given consideration, but no action was taken.

Jeffrey Gross reported that the updated bids for the roads are as follows; Hard Drives \$1,162,213 and Ranger \$1,098,297. The third bid was disqualified because they would not give a price for striping. Both companies are required to have traffic control, flagmen, striping and thermoplas and both agree to do a presentation. Jeffrey said that he would recommend Ranger to do the job. Ira Rubel and Stan Smolkin agreed to be liaison for the project and to keep all informed. Teri Schoen made a motion to go with Ranger and Ira Rubel seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. Julian asked to include in the motion that the price will be retained.

Good & Welfare: Lynn Minz asked that something be done about the card players coming into the Arts & Crafts Room while she is still in there cleaning up after her class. Stan Smolkin said there should be a clear policy about when the card players can use the room. He recommended to the Board that there shall be no card playing in the Arts & Crafts Room until 1:00 p.m. effective immediately. Julian Melmed seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Teri Schoen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Morris Stoler seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, for
Castle Management, LLC

Approved:



Teri Schoen, Secretary

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