

5/31/23 meeting

John call meeting to order at 6:30 pm

minutes are differed to next meeting due to Holly being at the hospital

Members present: Pat Thomas, Lori Williams, Joe Bunnell, John Young, Renae Ward, Francis Tongol

Member absent: Holley diaz

Quorum established: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Currently have \$ 52,402.57 we have 4 outstanding invoices. Wrote six checks. Two for lawn maintenance \$1180. Ice cream social \$54.47. Water Meter at community garden \$43.24. Water at front entrance\$ 53.10. Legal fees \$180 . Total in for may \$ 750 including \$100 in late fees.

\$38,606 in checking \$80.64 in savings 1st CD \$ 11,387.80 2nd CD \$ 22,094. all financials are being posted on web site. 4 outstanding invoices at this time \$1,700. Francis helped to improve financial sheet.

John stated they spoke about repair of front wall at last workshop. Had bid from BRI good through end of month.

Pat produced second bid this morning from Masonry Solutions Inc. presented to us at meeting.

Bids are broken down into the long wall, the short wall, and the monuments. Although the monuments look alright, the walls have been neglected and are coming apart. Ironwork has not been addressed. John stated the monuments are in pretty good shape and would be the lower priority of immediate attention. Pat handed out information she copied for everyone. Total repairs would be around \$36,000.

John thought the last work was done around 2016 and mentioned that no preventive or additional work has been done since. Resulting in a more costly repair.

Pat motions to move ahead with repairing the front wall as part of our heritage, and moves to accept the BRI proposal. Joe asked if anyone has talked to Yogi or his wife (the brick mason in our community).

John said we have a motion on the table and ask for a second. Lori seconded the motion.

Pat suggested we focus on the long wall. Renae asked if we were voting on the proposal or just repairing the wall John stated " just repairing the wall". Liz Shaw interrupted with a question, but Pat informed her that she was not supposed to talk during the meeting. Pat then informed her that she would have time at the end of our meeting to ask questions.

John calls for a vote on if we are going to repair the wall, not who will do the work.

Lori, Pat, John, Francis, Renae, Joe vote yes

Francis brought up the fact that the wall is unsafe and could be the potential source of a law suit.

John wanted to make clear that the work could be done in stages and that the cost was so high because the wall has been neglected for so long. If the columns had been sealed as suggested by BRI in 2017 they would not be falling apart. John discussed second bid presented by Pat Thomas from Masonry Solutions Inc. He noted it was more expensive for less work. Lori pointed out that it was submitted today and that not all of the board had a chance to review it.

John stated we have about \$35,000 to work with on any project we do. Renae requested that the proposal be broken down into labor and materials, as well as a defined time line for completion. Francis agreed it would be good to have that information. It was noted that they did not mention it was a "turn key" proposal.

John mentioned we had dealt with BRI back in the past (approximately 8 years ago), claiming that work was satisfactory. Lori confirmed. John then ask for a motion to accept their proposal as submitted, pending the information requested by Renae. Pat says she's uncertain, Lori says she's totally confused, Renae says she doesn't think you can do that. Francis brought up the proposals deadline. Pat replied it has not expired yet. It was good through June. Pat made a motion to accept BRIs' proposal. John ask twice if there is a second, Lori seconds the motion. John states our finances will support all the work not just the walls. Francis suggested we had tried not to increase dues but may have to to cover expenses. Pat suggest we focus on the long wall. Lori mentions we looked at shrubbery along the walls.

Joe gave misinformation about cost of plants. Confusion between nursery and myself (sorry folks).

Johns calls for vote to accept BRI.

For: Pat Thomas, Lori Williams, John Young, Francis Tongol

Abstain: Joe Bunnell, Renae Ward

John calls for a motion to proceed with the long wall. Lori makes the motion. Renae ask if she can question Pat. Pat seconds the motion. Pat suggest we can not debate this according to Roberts rules but John allows discussion about proposal. Pat says BRI. Broke down the proposal per her conversations with them. Lori mentions they discussed this proposal at the second workshop at which Renae and Joe were not in attendance. Joe mention we has all this information at the first workshop. John did not attend the first workshop because we did not post an agenda. Joe stated there was no new information but that we were waiting on the help from a brick mason that is now living in our neighborhood. Pat said she would be happy to go over the numbers of the contract she negotiated with BRI. John ask if there is any further discussion. John calls for another vote on if we are to proceed

with the long wall. Lori suggest we have already voted on that. John states that we are voting on how we are going to implement the proposal. John ask if Pat is going to take the lead on contacting BRI. and she agrees. John states we have enough money to start the project, but cautions that we need to maintain our rainy day fund. Suggest we maintain the wall with cleaning and sealant in future years. John asked Pat to keep the board informed about her negotiations with BRI.

Pat volunteered to clean between the brick wall and the neighbors fence stating it has been used for a dumping ground for trash and old pickets. Pat suggest that Clorox and salt can be used to kill the trees.

Francis asked if Pat could find out how often BRI suggest we seal the brick and how much it cost. Pat thought it was 2 to 4 years.

Joe brought up a discussion he had with our resident brick mason who suggested that the front entrance was being watered too much. John agreed that the sprinkler system is watering the bricks and needs to be adjusted.

DRV service with Inspections R Us would do it for \$90 a visit, a 50 % increase from last year. Joe states that he has volunteered to take pictures from the beginning. We have been trying to engage them for six months without success. Joe asked if their only involvement was to take pictures and send them to the board. Reminding everyone that he has volunteered since November that he would do it. Joe reminds the board that Renae and he have already taken pictures and sent them to the board with no action being taken. Most infractions are garbage cans that can be seen from the street. There were four homes that had debris or non operational vehicles. Pat mentioned there is a pop up that can be seen over the fence. Lori said we are waiting for a response from Inspections R Us. John suggest we approach them with the services we want. Pat moves we get defined services and states she has spoken with them two or three times. Joe suggest we take the pictures. Pat says Charles suggested we might want to be careful driving around taking pictures of people. He asked Pat if she had seen the cars they drove around in last year, she had not. We had complaints from neighbors because the vehicles were old and not marked in any way. Joe suggested we send a picture of his truck so neighbors could identify him. Renae motioned we get more information from Inspections R Us and Pat second the motion.

The motion carries. John ask if there is a motion to adjourn and Pat makes that motion.

Board meeting adjourns at 7:43.

Opens floor for questions

Liz Shaw states she is uncomfortable with the process the board is conducting business. She mentioned the former board was able to get bids for repairs to the wall, the rod iron, and landscaping. She felt the community should be included when such a large amount of money is being spent. She suggest a thirty day period with the neighbors being informed. Joe and Renae agree. Lori states we only saw the proposal for the iron work when Jeffery resigned. Lillian stated she gave all the information to John the first week. Liz stated that community involvement and communication is important.

She said that Lillian had done a lot of research only to find that the foundation of the brick wall is "shot". Tom Williams stated that in 2014 they had an engineer verify the foundation was fine. He also stated that BRI made a statement that the foundation was fine this year.

Several people start talking, meeting falls into chaos. John says he has scanned every piece of paper he could. Information is now on shared drive. Request all files that former board might have. Liz states that all DRVs as well as a form letter to address them is on the google drive. Tom suggest that future boards may not want to handle this themselves. Joe states he is tired of reacting to suggestions of what might happen. If we don't sign the licensee for the FEMA lots someone else will get them. If we don't mow the lots the city will only mow twice a year. If we don't keep the lots up ourselves, our home values will go down. Each of these have been show to be incorrect.

Liz brought up a tailor was parked on a FEMA lot on Haverford Dr. Liz suggested that one of our own might not look at their neighbors house in the same light. (Too many people talking at once to transcribe from recording). Liz said a landscaper quoted \$10,000 to plant shrubs along the right side. Lillian ask if we are going to address the multi-colored fences behind the brick wall. John answered yes. (Too many people talking at once to transcribe from recording). Lillian brings up that 4 Haverford is leaving the fence open around the pool. Lillian says she will not take a picture. She also says there are lawns not being maintained. John request that everyone let us know about any problems.

- Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 pm

- Next Meeting: 6/27/23

- Location: Friendswood Library

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Joe Bunnell on behalf of Holly Diaz