

WAINWRIGHT CLUSTER MEETING

November 11, 2021

Damien DeAntonio, Ryan Gordon, David Oakes, Heather Robertson, Kat Waters, John Foley, Erick Osman, Nick and Noreen Granger

Start at 7:38pm

October meeting notes were read, voted for adoption, seconded and adopted.

Financial

- Checking: not reported
- Savings: not reported

Long Term Items/Old Business

- Historical Marker. Waiting for 6 months to hear the results of the National Historic Places designation, we'll put our efforts towards that.
- Middle Cluster Trees have been planted, along with the perennials. Cardinal mulched. Area looks substantially improved. Motion to approve \$40 to buy a 100ft hose to provide water supply to the new area (seconded and approved).
- Reston tree did all the work engaged – removing and trimming trees as previously contracted.
- Drainage behind 1731 was inspected, the inlet does not appear to be clogged – the problem seems to be the outlet – it needs to be retrenched.
- Cluster Handbook update – State of VA passed how to do virtual meetings, and rules about behavior that discriminate against families or puts burden on HOA to enforce.
- Cluster cleanup went well, completed all tasks.

NEW BUSINESS

- Winter schedule for meetings will be either virtual or if above 45 degrees we can meet outdoors – Board does not yet feel prepared to meet indoors with masks just yet.
- Redhawk Electrical came out to figure out the problems with the upper cluster exterior lights. The identified the problem at the corner of the carport where there is a hole in the wall – the electrician said it was a short. He indicated that the junction boxes are not in good shape – water problems. He recommends installing new better water proofed. Motion to approve \$375 paid to Redhawk was seconded and approved – Erick Osmann will be reimbursed.
- 2022 draft budget – the Board believes we need to start to move some of our reserves and landscape improvement costs to cover the expected carport repair work.
- We got new updated quotes for Cardinal \$17,285 for 2022. This was motioned, seconded and approved. Cardinal disclosed that they use CheetahPro. Spot spraying is HorsePower for broad leaf weeds. He uses a granular barricade for invasive grasses. University of Maryland recommended this approach. Cardinal prefers to reduce herbicidal applications as much as possible – but finds the organic solutions just don't work – and these are products are mostly organic.
- Some trees in the middle cluster – chestnut oaks – are pending removal for next year, Reston Tree confirmed we can wait one more year to spread the costs over a longer period.
- Neighbors raised concerns about people hanging out parked between upper and middle cluster – residents are encouraged to call the non-emergency number if there are people leaving trash, looking suspicious, etc.

OPEN FORUM

- Granger residents thanked the Board for their volunteer work. Nick expressed concerns about tree removal work (without notice) in the residential areas – raised concerns about the process and notification. In the most recent case there was very little time between approval and scheduling – but Board agreed we can do a better job of notifying directly affected residents. Also raised concerns about lack of restoration plan and those trees that remain as a threat that are not directly affected the houses, but do affect the neighbors. The removal of the trees without a restoration plan has destroyed the look/feel of 1705, and has now reduced privacy. Board should review the tree removal and restoration requirements again in the wooded areas – make sure we are following the right standards. The board agreed to consider moving some of the trees from the lower cluster to try to fill in the new gap where the trees were removed.

MAIL

- Insurance bill was received for 2021-2022 for \$1848. It was motioned for approval, seconded and approval.
- Holiday Trash Schedule – Thanksgiving weekend – trash services scheduled for Friday will be on Saturday. Yard waste season ends December 24th and will resume March 1, 2022 – please do not put out your yard waste during these months. Christmas tree collection – first two Fridays in January – no plastic bags no decorations allowed.

8:45pm end of the meetings.