

WAINWRIGHT CLUSTER MEETING

September 9, 2021

Damien DeAntonio, Ryan Gordon, David Oakes, Heather Robertson, Kat Waters, John Foley

Start at 7:35pm

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

Financial

- Checking: \$ 68,750.23
- Savings: \$ 17,061.98
- Arrears: \$ 1,400.00

Long Term Items/Old Business

- Middle Cluster Tree Plan. Up to \$4000 was motioned for approval, seconded and approved, this will cover costs for Merrifield and for the necessary pre-weeding. Merrifield's quote includes one maple redpointe, 2 service berries, plant selection, installation and mulching, 40 perennials including Monarda Didyma, Rudbeckia, amonsia Hubrichtii, echinacea, baptisia australis. They will also help us select a few redbud volunteers from our neighborhood, which should be good to replant. They will help us lay out the right spots for the trees and plants. \$3,436.35 from Merrifield. Ryan has agreed to remove the last of the dead trees in the middle cluster, and cut down the last stump – these will be mulched over to save cost. Heather is trying to find someone to do the weeding.
- Damien will discuss with Cardinal about their use of herbicides and how we'd prefer to hand weed in areas where there are existing trees and plants, the concern is that these herbicides contributed to the tree death. We may need to hand weed if we reduce spraying, but the Board agreed to consider reducing or eliminating weed spraying entirely.
- Trash service with Republic is finally total complete, last payment was made.
- Trash service with new provider seems to be going well. Tuesday is Trash, Friday is Trash and Recycling.
- Lower and middle cluster exterior lights were fixed, new photo cell sensors installed, installed new covers on junction/service panel boxes, cleaned out water in the relay station, changed and fixed carport lights and sensors. It was an emergency repair given the water in the junction and relay station boxes. An amount of \$855.00 was motioned for approval, seconded and approved, to be paid to electrician Renee Maravilla.
- No progress on contacting a provider for lower cluster drainage problem.
- Some improvements were made with property maintenance/landscaping issues, however, cluster will update the manual with Reston Association standards regarding minimum landscaping standards.
- Heather still owes review of Cluster Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cluster Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday October 23rd. This one will be mandatory, for the last 18 months none of the cluster cleanups have been mandatory.
- House Sales – 1701 was listed/de-listed, 1737 was listed and is under contract, 1757 was listed and is under contract.
- Suggested that we inquire into the infrastructure needed to provide electrical power for electrical/hybrid, at least get a quote to know the extent of the investment for future capital improvements. We believe there are already residents who are plugging in electrical vehicles already.

OPEN FORUM

MAIL

- IRS sent a notification that we are now required to file electronically.
- RA Cluster Meet and Greet Series from Reston Association – they distributed the material after the last one. They sent out a survey about cluster dues, Wainwright Cluster was less than average, which hovered around \$400-\$500/quarter.

8:40pm end of the meetings.