



**Villages of Garrison Creek Board Meeting
February 28, 2024, SonBridge Community Center**

Board Members Present – Linda Olson, John Cress, Marie Evans, Barbara Larson, David Siviter, Greg Brothers, Jonathan Messenger

Members Present -- 16

- **Introductions and Welcome** – President Linda Olson welcomed everyone and asked all to state their names and their Village.
- **Quorum Call** – All Board Members present
- **Member comments** – None
- **Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of January 24, 2024** – Marie Evans pointed out that there was an action item after the board came out of executive session and reminded the group that votes are not taken in Executive Session. Marie moved and John Cress seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report** – Barbara Larson said that the finances were on track for this time of year. She reminded those who have not changed their dues amount at their bank autopay, to do so as we have several members who are delinquent. Barbara also stated that she and the bookkeeper would rather than any work or purchases made for the MPMA be invoiced to the Villages rather than paid by the member for reimbursement. Marie stated that it does not look good on financial reports to have several checks written to individual members. Barbara moved and John Cress seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Funds received – Motion and Vote- Marie moved and John Cress seconded that the Board authorize our treasurer to work with our bookkeeper to come up with a proposal for distribution for the allocation of the recent funds paid to the VGC and report to the Board at our next meeting.

Status regarding 2021 and 2022 Audits- The auditors have informed us that the 2021 and 2022 audits are close to being finished and should be sent in a week “or so”. The final copies will be posted as soon as they are received.

Legal Update: Marie Evans reported that a new lawsuit was filed on December 29, 2023, titled Brian Miller vs the Villages of Garrison Creek and Marie Evans. The Board is working with the insurance company and attorneys have been assigned.

Committee Reports:

- **ARC** – Denise Bartlow said that nothing has been done regarding the parking issues as we are waiting for the legal opinion promised by Allan Fisher.
- **Social and welcome – Anita Williams and Cindy Yegge** (report attached)
The committee is suggesting that the board buy more sandwich boards for announcement of events. Also there is a service for using a community sound system that the board could get for a small fee. President

Olson announced that without objection, she will make those purchases using administration funds in the Operating Budget. There were no objections from the board.

- **Safety and Security** – Denise Bartlow reported that there are areas on the sidewalk along the creek that need attention. The committee is looking at the gazebo and will be giving a report on the condition of the structure.
- **Landscape Committee- Ray Goff**

Village 1 Landscape and Funding Recommendation Since Village 1 has some issues with their landscaper, Ray is asking that the board approve paying off the current month for Diamond Cut and authorizing the remaining month's contracted funds to be paid to The Tree Amigos for the pruning they are doing in Village 1. John Cress moved that the Board authorize payment to the landscapers as described. Barbara seconded. The motion carried.

There was a question regarding the slide area created with the removal of a tree south of the creek. We are watching that area closely. We are also keeping the sidewalks south of the creek clean from leaves and in good condition. They are getting bids for the work needed on the walkways.

Dave Siviter announced that there was a serious fall there a couple weeks ago. The committee is also looking at the possibility of removing the mungo pine near the trail on Creekside as it is a hazard. Trees are to be taken out in Village 7 pocket park with the use of volunteers.

There was a request that we ask Walla Walla Housing to have a crew clean out the blackberries along the creek at bridge 4. Ray will call Renee Rooker. Dave Siviter announced that the Village 9 project will be done in the next couple of weeks.

- **Reserve Fund Committee- David Siviter** announced that there was no official budgeting process for the reserve fund. He is creating a proposal to bring to the board.
- **AdHoc Committee regarding new development – John Cress** stated that the owners of Many Waters LLC remains a mystery. It is obvious that the owners want invisibility. Our president has sent them a letter requesting that a line of communication be opened and we have not received a response.
- **Water issues update – John Jaso and David Siviter** reported that a leak had been located at 844 Covey Court but that leak represented only 150 gallons per hour of the 750 gallons we are losing. They will continue to look for more leaks and report back to the board.
- **Calendar/Next Board Meeting: March 27, 2024**
- **Executive Session – Legal issues, Delinquencies, Personnel** Marie Evans moved and Barbara Larson seconded that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal issues, delinquencies and personnel. Motion passed.
- **Adjournment:** Linda Olson moved that we come out of executive session and adjourn.

Attachments:

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ARC- Parking on the street overnight continues to be addressed and is an issue that is growing. ARC is awaiting the results of Alan Fishers consultation with attorneys on driveway parking.

Typical spring topics will be addressed in the planned newsletter that David is preparing.

Safety / Security – The committee has asked the maintenance committee to inspect the condition of the Gazebo. Significant rot has been noted, which could cause safety issues during event usage.

The committee has provided ground maintenance with a listing of SOC broken sidewalk areas that could be a trip hazard for walkers.

March is the planned time for our safety walk thru the Village streets and sidewalks. At the same time, we will note the locations of missing “park on this side of street” signage needed to be replaced. This signage is crucial in keeping streets clear for emergency vehicles.

Denise- ARC

Joyce & Denise – Safety / Security

VGC Social Committee

Report to the Board

February 28, 2024

The social committee would first like to give a big Thank You to Denise Bartlow and Joyce Beecroft for the great job chairing this committee for the last (how many ?) years!

They have set the standard for making people feel very welcome when they move into the villages and then they brought us together by community events that are always festive, inclusive, entertaining, informative – and delicious. Kudos and we thank you both for your hard work and for making this committee feel rewarding and really fun to be a part of.

Our committee report:

The Committee has scheduled the following events for 2024

Sunday, May 5, 3:00

Mr and Mrs Smarty Pants have the Scoop on Potty Plants

John and Yvonne Jaso talk about gardening: plants not to have in your garden, tips on pruning and proper watering, other tips, and a raffle of a beautiful potted plant created on site.

Sunday, June 9, 2:00

2nd Annual Blackberry Mini-Target Golf

Dick Cook and his team guide us as we tee off to hit the target flags and practice putting skills.

Sunday, July 28, 12-2:00

Kids and Grandkids - Fun Day in the Villages

Games, crafts, and treats for village children and grandchildren.

Saturday, August 3, 5:00

Village-Wide Potluck Dinner celebrating National Night Out

All residents invited to bring a dish to share with friends and neighbors along Garrison Village Way

Sunday, September 8, 3:00

El Color de Mexico

Experience the culture of Mexico as our own Hugo and his dance group entertain us again this year with colorful costumes, lively music and a fabulous dance

Performance - all accompanied by a delicious Mexican food buffet.

Sunday, October 13, 2-3:00

Dress-Up Pet Parade Take your pets for a walk around the villages, showing off their style and cuteness, (costumes encouraged) ending at the gazebo for well-deserved treats for the pets – and their walkers too

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00

Christmas in the Villages

Experience the magic of the Christmas Season with friends and neighbors as we gaze upon the glowing luminaries surrounding the gazebo, light the Village Christmas tree, sing carols and enjoy hot cocoa, and holiday cookies – you can even spread the joy of Christmas by selecting a name off the “giving tree” and providing a gift for a deserving child.

We are also following up on the possibility of a Blue Zone Project with the Villages -

We ask all board members to SAVE THE DATES, SPREAD THE WORD, AND ATTEND THE EVENTS THAT YOU CAN.

Promotion of events

- Posting 2024 calendar/ events in quarterly newsletter
- Inclusion of calendar in welcome bags, if possible
- E-mail notices
- Fliers at mailboxes
- Sandwich board posters prior to the event
- *Word of mouth !!*

Business Items

1. Committee proposes that 2 new A-Frame sandwich boards (22"x28") be purchased to replace 2 of our old wooden boards. These would be used to advertise the events as they approach and also to promote important VGC events, such as voting and important business meetings. We propose that 1 board come out of the Social Committee budget and the other from the VGC budget. Each board is \$83.00 plus tax.
2. Committee proposes that we pay the "Tool Library" the annual fee of \$25 in order to reserve their sound system for our events at no charge. (This is subject to clarification of terms, testing of the sound system and ability to reserve in advance for all our events where a sound system might be needed).

Wish List

We are asking board members to let us know if you can help us find any of the following:

1. Donation of 20-30 folding chairs that could be set up at events for those residents who may find it difficult to carry their own chairs – but want to attend the events
2. Donation of a large artificial Christmas Tree (preferably lighted).
3. One of our goals is to have a representative from every village on our committee. If anyone from villages 1 and 7 would like to join us, we would welcome you with open arms.

Contact Anita Williams with ideas. Thank you.

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