

RUSTLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2023

Board members present: Vicki Moore, President; Dan Virnig, Vice President; James Layman, Director; Sydni Neves, Director; Albert Portner, Director

Treasurer: Rod Tull; Secretary: Dick Pope

Meeting called to order at 12:59 PM by President, Vicki Moore.

The minutes from the last meeting was from our Annual Meeting which will be read at the next Annual Meeting. The only change that needed reporting was at the meeting after the Annual Meeting, officers were elected. Vicki Moore, President; Dan Virnig, Vice President. Rod Tull as Treasurer and Richard Pope as Secretary were renewed by the board for 2023/2024.

Water Update:

This is an ongoing issue and one we had hoped that some issues had been sufficiently explained at the Annual Meeting. There still seems to be confusion on who has control and responsibility for our water. Our water system is owned and maintained by Mason County and the Rustlewood board has no control over water issues such as quality, clarity, routine maintenance or the repair of busted pipes or leaks. It was discussed that the box containing your water meter may not be properly installed. If there is a concern about whether your meter is installed properly or any other problem contact Mason County Public Works. You can contact the head of Public Works directly. Richard Dickenson, who was at the Annual Meeting and made it clear that unless he knows about the problem they can't fix the problem. His number is listed on our website.

Richard Dickenson, Public Works 360-427-9670.

Speeding Issues:

There is ongoing concern about drivers speeding through our neighborhoods. This subject has been discussed and examined how best to fix the problem.

1. We have checked about installing speed bumps but the county will not allow due to road maintenance and emergency vehicles.
2. We have checked out the possibility of adding Stop signs to slow drivers but the county will not allow those on Madrona Pkwy where most of the speeding is noticed. We may be able to install signs on the side streets but those roads would need yellow lines if signs are to be installed.
3. We have checked with the sheriffs department about having some presence in Rustlewood to watch for speeders. They will send someone out but only if we can help them identify the speeders. That means if you notice a particular car that frequently speeds through the neighborhood make a note of the make, model and

color of the car and if it comes through at a particular time each day note that as well. There was some confusion about how much support we can expect and homeowner Roz Smith agreed to check with the sheriffs department. Bill Walker said that the sheriff meets the 1st Thursday of the month at the Spencer Lake Tavern for breakfast and a question and answers session. This would be a good way for homeowners to express their concerns.

4. Angie Neal has agreed to make an appeal on Social Media to emphasize the need to drive slower in Rustlewood.

Businesses in Rustlewood

Bill Walker and Vicki had talked about the legality of operating businesses in Rustlewood. Our Bylaws do not allow for certain businesses to operate because we are a residential community. There are businesses such as cottage industry that may be allowed to operate if they have a permit and the owner lives on site. The need to strengthen our CC&R's and or change our Bylaws has been discussed. The subject of short term rentals (for ex Airbnb. VRBO) was also discussed. We cannot stop short term rentals, STR, from operating but the owners of those properties are still required to make sure their renters abide by the rules of the association. There have been complaints as to unwanted visitors not abiding the private beach signs and trespassing, loud noises from parties and overflow parking that needs to be addressed by the homeowners. Parking is a problem for some such rentals and allowing parking on the street is not an option. We have to be mindful that these are county roads and there should not be any impediment for emergency vehicles.

Community Involvement and Recognition:

Vicki Moore brought up the idea of recognizing those who have had and are making a difference in Rustlewood. We have many unsung heroes and Vicki would like to start a program to recognize those who make a difference. We would like this to be a community input and make some type of a presentation at the annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09PM

Next meeting Saturday December 2nd at 1PM

Minutes submitted by Richard Pope, Secretary