

Hiller Highlands Association Board Meeting Minutes
Remote meeting: 6/23/2021

Board members present:

Gary Firestone, President
Ann Mulligan, Vice President
Steven Cobbledick, Treasurer
Chuck Scurich, Secretary

Spyglass Hill residents joining the meeting remotely:

None

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Gary welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

Agenda Review: No adjustments to the proposed agenda.

HOA board meeting minutes: April 23, 2021 board meeting approved

Homeowners' Forum:

No items presented during the Homeowners' Forum.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Cobbledick): Approved

Operating Account (Union Bank): \$21,093.13

Reserve Account (Union Bank): \$223,345.12

Reserve Account (Certificate of Deposit): 0.00

Total: \$244,438.25

All dues are up to date.

Update on Board Actions since the last board meeting:

Home Improvement form approved from unit 60, attaching storage boxes on the back of their garage.

The Board would like to formally thank Tommy Angelo and Chuck Scurich for their hard work on maintaining the lights on the street. Currently all lights are working. The Board would like the residents to inform the Board if anyone notices any lights that need changing.

The Earthquake insurance was re-instated. The Board will be carefully researching steps to take when it is time to renew the policy.

Landscape Update and Needed Fire Suppression Work: Gary will continue to serve as head of Landscaping Committee. La Canada trimmed 12 trees that were in contact with structures. There are several remaining trees that still need to be trimmed, and arrangements will be made to complete this work in the near future.

Gary had a meeting with Jeff McAuliffe at Trimacs, and it was decided that Trimacs will

be spending more time cleaning up leaves and minor plant debris on the northeast portion of the property. Because Trimacs will not trim oak trees or remove dense brush, Gary will contact an arborist to obtain a bid to complete this fire suppression work. Gary met with Walt Lindquist, treasurer and landscaping Chair of Hiller Highlands 3, to walk the property border between the two HOAs and to discuss landscaping/fire suppression work and potential coordination between the HOAs. In addition to identifying several oak trees with dead branches that need to be delimbed, it was decided that the part of the northeast property line that heads directly up to Hiller Drive needs to be better delineated. Walt will complete this task. The board also discussed several issues at the west property line with Hiller Country Club that need attention.

Board approved the planting of a few small olive bushes at the entrance of 55 Spyglass Hill before the house is sold. The Board passed a proposal that any new plantings on the street must be drought resistant plants.

Preliminary Discussion of Potential HOA Drought Response: In anticipation of potential drought-related restrictions mandated by the City of Oakland, the County of Alameda, and/or the State of California, the Board is beginning a preliminary discussion regarding steps to take, including cutting back on landscape irrigation. The Board also discussed the preparation for a response to any possible government restrictions, such as rules against using HOA water to wash cars, power washing, or hosing down sidewalks. This was only a preliminary discussion, but the Board strongly urges all residents to cut back now on their water usage during this drought. We will continue to discuss this issue.

Steve Cobbledick and Chuck Scurich will continue to read the water meters at each of the individual units to monitor the water use, and will contact any homeowner whose use may look like there is a leak.

There was a brief discussion (but nothing proposed) about the possibility of getting water meters installed by EBMUD for each individual home. One concern was the potential high cost to the HOA for the work.

Other Topics:

No other topics were discussed. Tentatively the next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, July 29th.

The Spyglass Hill website address/link is <http://hillerhighlandsone.net> and **spyglassresident** is the login-in phrase. The Board encourages everyone to use the website and provide feedback about how it might be improved.

Meeting adjournment: 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Scurich, Secretary