

# Hiller Highlands Association Board Meeting Minutes

Remote meeting: 4/4/2022

## **Board members present:**

Gary Firestone, President  
Steven Cobbledick, Treasurer  
Chuck Scurich, Secretary

## **Spyglass Hill residents joining the meeting remotely:**

Diane Reilly (#30)  
Carole Anderson (#47)  
Neville Colaco (#51)  
Gerry Powers-Ross (#57)

**Meeting called to order:** 7:01 pm

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

**Agenda Review:** No adjustments to the proposed agenda.

**HOA board meeting minutes:** The board minutes from December 13, 2021 were approved. Minutes are available on our website.

## **Homeowners' Forum:**

No additional items beyond those in the agenda

## **Treasurer's Report (Steve Cobbledick):**

Approved Operating Account (Union Bank): \$19,120.90  
Reserve Account (Union Bank): \$237,745.39  
Total: \$256,866.29

**Aftermath of Board election and the Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 Annual Homeowners meeting:** The new board (Gary Firestone, President; Steve Cobbledick, Treasurer; Chuck Scurich, Secretary) were overwhelmingly voted in for upcoming year. Most of the annual homeowners' meeting was devoted to a discussion of our earthquake insurance that was led by representatives of the Motus program (Chris Borges) and Farmers Insurance (Paul Bickham). They provided details about the coverage of our primary earthquake insurance policy (from Farmers) and the role of the Motus program in covering four of the units that are not covered by the primary policy (the units on top of car ports). After much discussion, questions and answers, we decided to continue the discussion at our next board meeting. A Northside beautification committee was also formed and comprised of Hanna Levenson (#5), Ann Mulligan (#48), Carole Anderson (#47) and Neville Colaco (#51), who plan to meet in the near future and develop a plan to improve the north end of Spyglass Hill.

**Landscape and Irrigation Update:** Gary has been working with Jeff McAuliffe of Trimacs to fix an irrigation leak on the south end of HOA property next to Hiller Drive (post meeting note-the leak was due a broken valve that was replaced), and to clean up plant growth and leaf debris behind a number of units (post meeting note-leaf pile behind unit #51 was removed and the area cleaned up). Gary also mentioned that he instructed Trimacs to make a concerted effort to clean up areas behind all of the units.

Representatives of the Northside Beautification Committee commented that they will meet with a landscaping person from the club on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to develop a plan to improve the Club-owned land on the north end of Spyglass.

**Insurance Update:** The board decided to purchase a Motus program policy to cover earthquake damage to the four units (#48, #42, #53 and #51) not covered by our primary Farmers Insurance policy. The price of the policy will be ~\$6,000 for the four units, with a coverage of \$125,000 per unit. Details of the policy will be sent to all homeowners. The board plans to continue to discuss our future earthquake policies during the year.

### **Other Topics:**

**Water use-**Steve pointed out that the current water use in the HOA is approximately 50% for landscaping and 50% for homeowners. With the possibility of future water restrictions, the board will closely monitor our water use, and the priority will be to restrict the use of water for landscaping before restricting water use by the HOA residents. It was also brought up that a new landscaping plan may need to be formulated.

**Tree view issue-**There was extensive discussion about trees on EBMUD property blocking the views of a number of units in our HOA. It was decided that those most concerned about the view issue would attend an open EBMUD meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, petition will be submitted to EBMUD prior to the meeting, distribution of petition will be led by Chuck and Diane.

There are several trees in the hallow between units #48 and #60 that are starting to block Neville's view (unit #51). The trees are likely on land owned by Hiller Highlands Country Club. It was decided that Neville should mark the trees and talk to a Club representative, and that Gary will contact La Canada about a bid for trimming the trees (the work to be paid by Neville). A number of trees in east side upslope area may have some overgrowth of branches that could lead to falling trees in a strong wind. Gary will discuss with La Canada if any of the trees need to be trimmed.

**Next Board Meeting:** Sometime in late May

Meeting adjournment: 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gary Firestone, President