

Grounds Committee (GC)
February 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Stan Cummings, Chairperson, called the Zoom meeting to order at 903 AM

ATTENDANCE: Stan Cummings, Keith Larson, Scott Rovanpera, Frances Loubere, Geoff Genter, Leslie Weertman; Board Representative: Gary Obermeyer; Guests: Donna Colwell, Don Vollmer, Carol Letterman

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting were approved.

REPORTS: General Manager

- Wire mesh is being put on lagoon trail board walk and stairs from beach trail, section from beach remaining to complete. This mesh is to prevent slipping on the wood for walkers. The grounds crew has completed the wind storm clean up and blowing off the tennis courts. The gate removal at Pinecrest mailboxes is to minimize touch and potential spread of infection, part of the pandemic adjustments.

Board Representative

- The revisions to the pet policy were discussed by the BOD

OLD BUSINESS: Active Cases

- Lot 88 or 14 Compton Place
 - Owners have made significant progress and there are now only two tall stumps which are to be used to attach a hammock. They will be removing the tree debris piles as well but this is neatly stacked at this time as the owners decide what hedge to place along the back of property.
 - Keep the case open, still less than 6 months since tree work was begun, and anticipate completion soon.

Other old business

- Kala Natives continue to work from 9 to 10 on Fridays, now 9 sessions, with 3 to 6 volunteers each week. GM and crew continue to provide needed support to remove the pile of invasive plants removed each week and agreed to help with the root removal when requested. Ivy has been removed from the trees in the Kala Village and is in the process of being completed in the Condo areas. Reaffirmed that removal of ivy from trees is important for the health of a tree.

- Scott presented the revised pet regulation document which will be presented to the BOD. This was approved with the recommendation to make sure the new beach sign includes the sentence regarding owner responsibility for the pet behavior and the small signs regarding the removal of dog poop be unchanged. There was again discussion regarding the history of the changes and the meetings with the Jefferson County animal control officer. There will be a Kala Pointer article emphasizing Kala Point is under the jurisdiction of Jefferson County for animal control ordinances and for enforcement. There was a case last month of a dog that the officer determined needed to wear a muzzle when outside the home and if infractions are seen then the animal control officer needs to be called. This is the same procedure for any dog attack. This is done by calling 911 or the sheriff's office and then wait for their arrival. Kala Point has a unique off leash beach, it is not a fenced dog park, and it is a privilege. There have been complaints to the GC about pets on the beach recently. The GC will formulate 2 to 3 questions to measure if this is a general sentiment which requires more investigation. These questions are to be placed on a community wide survey already being planned by the BOD for KPOA strategic planning in the spring. It was discussed that there are some in the community who want to restrict access to the beach for pets, or to require leashing of dogs on the beach. Our beach has been off leash since the inception of KPOA and it is also one of the reasons some purchase a home in our community. Suffice it to say dog owners need to be responsible, keep the digging dog below the high tide mark in the beach sand and out of the lagoon areas, and of course, pick up the poop.
- Geoff is planning an educational article in the Kala Pointer for April on the outdoor prohibition for outdoor burning to include a discussion around BBQ and fire pit rules.
- There was a long discussion about the Little Lending Library boxes because there is a request to add more boxes. The last meeting there was a motion approved instructing that the further requests for LLL is to be dealt with by the board. The GC remains supportive of these LLL boxes but it is possible that Social Plus, the KPOA group that monitors the bulletin boards, could take a role with the LLL, and it is also possible that the Architecture Committee would have an interest in helping with the design approvals, such as a taller shelf for children's books if that were deemed important.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pedestrian Safety Committee Report.

Frances Loubere joined this committee and gave the GC an update of their 3 meetings, 9 members, and their ideas for improvement. This is a BOD appointed Ad Hoc committee so it will report to the board first but she anticipates there could be GC involvement such as the pruning of laurel hedges along Kala Point Drive so there is better visualization of oncoming traffic.

Wooden Newspaper Boxes

These boxes are typically built at the time of new home construction if an owner requests a box and the wooden post is used to attach the red reflective house number sign. Many homes are now old enough that these boxes have decayed, perhaps no newspaper is being delivered, and yet a post is needed for the emergency house number sign. Under APP-III-2 AC Modifications to existing home sites (number 8) there are instructions regarding setback structures, specifically a reference to the “wooden newspaper box” as an allowed permanent structure in the setback. A short educational article will be written to help owners who need a post for their Jefferson County emergency response house number sign and may also wish to rebuild a newspaper box to get a paper delivered or to use the box to display art. Keith said that it is an accepted variance to use only the plastic newspaper box without a custom built wooden box around the plastic tube.

Grounds Maintenance Plan for KPOA Common Areas

Members are to read the 4-page document circulated in advance of the meeting. The GM and the GC members are to identify areas for change or revision over the next few months with a deadline for the date of submission to the KPOA BOD being September.

New Cases

- No new cases or letters from member sector monitoring

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1030 AM.

RECORDED BY: Leslie Weertman