

THE MISSION HILLS HOMES COMPANY
ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING
Mission Hills Country Club
January 22, 2020

Meeting Called to Order 6:03pm

Holly Nielsen, President called the meeting to order and made introductions. (Board members: David Machens, Holly Nielsen, Hunter Wolbach, Eric Gonsler, Sarah Hancock, Assistant City Administrator: Jennifer Lee, Park Board Rep: Eden Thorne, and incoming board member: Katherine Bruner).

Unanimous Approval of the January 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes--Motion was made by Al Tikwart and seconded by Erin Gorny; the motion was adopted.

Island Beautification Projects - Jennifer Lee, Assistant City Administrator, Eden Thorne, Park Board Representative 6:08pm

Holly Nielsen discussed previous projects that have been completed including the slate roof on the entrance of Pembroke Lane, Island 66 phase 2, and Sunken Garden. Jennifer Lee added that Sunken Garden is open for business and complete with the exception of supplemental planting on the north side of the park, which are scheduled for Spring 2020.

Holly Nielsen discussed that Ochsner Hare & Hare has been working with the city for about 100 years and that they have consulted with MHHC to help identify priorities many of which have been completed. One island that people have been talking about for a long time is Colonial Court. This project is now on the drawing board to be talked about and figured out over the next year. About a year to a year and a half ago the McLiney Family donated a fountain sculpture that was at a home at 5725 Stateline to the Foundation and then to The City. It is a significant piece and since there has been a desire to think about beautifying Colonial Court, that piece made a lot of sense since it is the one place in the city that is large enough to hold an item like the donated sculpture. Holly passed around a photo of the sculpture, stated that although it was originally intended to be a fountain it is proposed to be used as a sculpture, and she read the description provided by the Art Appraiser that was hired by The City:

“A fine imported marble fountain created in the early to mid-19th Century with a wide shallow bowl, supported on a finely-carved pedestal with a bank of acanthus leaves. The bowl is wonderfully carved with a band of putti holding fish and fruit garlands, separated by two family crests. The different crests indicate that the fountain quite possibly could have been a wedding gift, commemorating the marriage of two wealthy families. The fountain has been heightened by a late 19th-Century bronze statue of a female nymph, standing gracefully and holding her long braid at her side.”

The board has looked at a number of concepts that take into consideration the balance between the natural green space that is already at Colonial Court, but also giving it a little

more esthetic and functional purpose by mirroring the sitting walls at both ends of Colonial Court. So, the plan that has been agreed on by The Board to go out to the various constituencies. The plan has planting and sitting walls around the sculpture that would be in the center, leaving almost 2 football fields on either side. This will provide a place for people to sit and also allow more functionality at Colonial Court, similar to Sunken Garden. We've sent letters to the adjacent neighbors with photos, plans, and a description so they can provide their input. This will also go to the ARB, to The City Council, and other constituencies.

A question was asked whether the sculpture would impede kids' abilities to play sports in the Colonial Court field. Eden Thorne stated that the Park Board believes there are plenty of green spaces for children to play and this will bring the community together and still provides ample area on both sides of the sculpture for kids to play.

Erin Gorny asked if the existing fountains will remain. Holly stated that the east and west ends will stay exactly the way they are and the goal was to mimic the sitting walls and planting at each end to endure it will all flow naturally. Dave added that the scale will work well because it will be the tallest of the three features and will scale well as this will be feel more substantial and will be the focal point. It is 15 feet tall.

Al Tikwart asked if there will be a plaque to honor the McLiney Family and Eden stated that she thought that was a very good idea and will make sure the Park Board and The City know about it.

Treasurer's Report--Hunter Wolbach 6:21pm

Holly invited Hunter Wolbach, Treasurer, to present the Treasurer's report. Hunter stated that his only item was to approve the 2020 budget and he handed out copies of the same. He provided some historical perspective and stated that the dues organization wants to provide a value for the dues collected. He stated that in 2016 we had only spent \$2,000 for capital improvement followed by \$1,800 the following year. This was because we were hoarding cash because we didn't know what our overall commitment to The Sunken Gardens project would be, but since the other homes associations contributed so generously and because of \$200,000 that was raised privately, our obligation to Sunken Gardens was not as grand as we anticipated and we only contributed \$20,000 to that project. In 2019 we budgeted for \$25,000 of capital improvements and finished 2019 in the black by about \$7,500. This year our budget has us operating at a loss of \$2,100 and the reason for that is that while most of our expenses are very consistent year after year we still anticipate breaking even, but we really don't know our commitment or the timing of the Colonial Court project. However, what is not reflected in this budget is that we have about \$93,000 in capital reserves. **6:23** Hunter opened the floor up for discussions. There were none. **6:23pm** A motion to vote on the 2020 Budget as presented by Hunter Wolbach, was moved by Michael Helmuth. Erin Gorny seconded the motion. The budget passed unanimously.

Governance Matters 6:24pm-Holly Nielsen introduced the proposed Board of Directors and Officers for 2020:

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mary Petrow	1/31/2021
Holly Nielsen	1/31/2021
Sarah Hancock	1/31/2022
Eric Gonsler	1/31/2022
David Machens	1/31/2023
Katherine Bruner	1/31/2023
New Park Board rep	1/31/2023 – <i>holding a spot</i>

2020 Officers

David Machens	President
Eric Gonsler	Vice President and Treasurer
Mary Petrow	Secretary

Hunter Walbach and Eden Thorne are both terming off.

6:27pm A motion was made to approve the Board and Officers for 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

6:28pm Holly opened the floor for questions of comments. Al Tikwart asked how many times per year the board meets and where those meetings take place. Holly stated that we meet on an as needed basis, but at least three to four and typically meet at the home of the President.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:29pm