

Hellgate Meadows Residential Neighborhood Association

2625 Dublin Street ♦ Missoula, MT 59808

Board Meeting

August 17, 2021

6:30 pm, via ZOOM



Board Members Present (via ZOOM): Debbie Goertzen, Drew Rieker, Jim Polk, Kathie Snodgrass, and Laurie Fliger. Carol McKenzie, Hannah Sackett, and Roberta Smith were unable to attend.

Deb moved and Jim seconded that the meeting minutes for July 13th and July 20th be approved as submitted. The vote was unanimous.

Financials:

As of July 31st, the balance sheet showed \$29,395.63. There was \$19,836.44 in the bank. The variance report showed \$12,359.84 under budget. Accounts receivable were \$8,680.00 (this total was decreased by about \$2,000 by Aug.5). July bills paid included Dirtman: \$1,850, JDM Enterprises: \$357.80 (for June office services), and NorthWestern Energy: \$187.17.

Old Business:

Mail House Painting: Despite many attempts, we were unable to attract a reasonable bid for painting the mail house this summer. Laurie moved that we wait until next spring, and organize a work party of neighborhood residents to paint the mail house. Kathie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Landscaping: Deb reported that Dirtman's foreman walked through the neighborhood testing the irrigation system, adjusting and replacing heads as necessary. The boulevards that were dry are greening up. Dirtman suggested splitting the Dublin common area into two zones instead of the single current zone, and adding several additional sprinkler heads. Kathie moved that HMRNA authorize this work up to \$4,000, and that Dirtman check back with the Board for authorization if it will cost more than that. Jim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The owner of the property where the bushes are obstructing the common area sprinklers has responded, but her landscaper apparently didn't understand what to do, and the bushes were not pruned back. Drew tried to get hold of the property owner again after the certified letter was sent, but couldn't make contact. We may have to take care of the problem ourselves and bill the property owner if there is no response.

Deb will talk to Dirtman about dandelion control.

Columbia Ground Squirrels: Roberta's attorney feels they can advise us about the ground squirrel issue. They require a \$2,000 retainer, and would refund any of the amount that their research or legal work doesn't use. They would address our potential legal liability and options. Drew moved that we engage them to make sure we do our due diligence as a board, and Kathie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Hellgate Village: Kathie walks around the neighborhood regularly, and suggested that since the new Hellgate Village development fronts directly onto the west side of Dublin Street between the new "Killarney Way" street and Pleasantview, that stretch of boulevard should no longer be

maintained by HMRNA, but by Hellgate Village. She feels HMRNA should repair the irrigation system and grass only south of Killarney Way. The Board unanimously agreed. Deb will have Dirtman fix the irrigation, fill in the low spots, and re-sod the boulevard south of Killarney Way.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm. The next regular Board Meeting will also be via ZOOM, on September 21st at 6:30 pm.

Kathie Snodgrass

Secretary