

# Hellgate Meadows Residential Neighborhood Association

2625 Dublin Street ♦ Missoula, MT 59808

Board Meeting

October 19, 2021

6:35 pm, via ZOOM



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

Roberta moved and Debbie seconded that the meeting minutes for September be approved as amended. The vote was unanimous.

## Financials:

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the balance sheet showed \$16,635.67. There was \$12,033.18 in the bank. The variance report showed \$8,425.76 under budget. Accounts receivable were \$4,125.00. September bills paid included Dirtman: \$1,850 plus \$6,100 for repairs and upgrades, JDM Enterprises: \$180.04 (for August office services), Cedar Mountain: \$130.00 for web updates, and NorthWestern Energy: \$181.89.

## Old Business:

**Mail House:** Drew used a broom to sweep off dust and cobwebs, but it still looks a little dirty. In the spring, we will power wash it before painting it. We will discuss whether to use volunteers or hire someone to do the painting in January.

**Angry Property Owner:** Roberta couldn't contact the owner who sent an angry note with the check paying their July billing, but will do so as soon as she can.

**Street Light Out:** Roberta will contact Anchor Electric to fix street light R, and ask them to check it because it seems to go out frequently.

**Landscaping:** Dirtman's subcontractor will be doing the fall aphid treatment tomorrow morning, and will also do one in the spring. They will also blow out the sprinklers this week. Deb clarified with Dirtman where the dandelions are in the boulevards at the edge of the neighborhood.

**Bulletin Board:** Deb posted a note about the irrigation system blow-out, repairs, and so on. Laurie has Deb's chicken photos and Deb will send her information to go along with it for "Pet of the Month". Laurie also has a photo of a neighbor's dog Daisy. Kathie sent her a photo and write-up about her goldfish. Roberta will send her information and a photo of Emma.

**Library:** Laurie has the primer on the Little Free Library and will be working on decorating it.

**Columbia Ground Squirrels:** Drew reported that Ferguson Law advised us that HMRNA has an obligation to mitigate ground squirrel problems on HMRNA common ground but has no obligation to mitigate the ground squirrel problem on private properties in our neighborhood. Drew will check with them to see whether they used all of the retainer funds.

## New Business:

**Broken Tree Branch:** A resident reported a large tree branch broken off, probably by the moving van that was at the house next door. Drew will take a look at it to make sure the break didn't damage the trunk, see whether it needs trimmed, and get the branch off the parkway.

**Mutt Mitts:** Sam just this morning gave notice that he and his son would no longer be doing the Mutt Mitt servicing for the neighborhood. Roberta asked him to bring the remaining Mutt Mitt bags back to her house and thanked him for his work. Roberta found Montana Pooper Scoopers charges \$20 per servicing visit of a receptacle plus \$10 for each additional receptacle in the neighborhood. Replacement bags are included in the price. Kathie moved and Laurie seconded that we hire Montana Pooper Scoopers. The motion passed unanimously. Roberta will contact them and ask them to begin immediately.

**Inactive Board Members:** Hannah hasn't been able to attend a meeting since October 2020 and Carol hasn't been able to attend since May 2021. Terms are one year, voted on at the annual General Meeting. Board members can't be removed between annual General Meetings unless 40% of the homeowners vote to remove them. However, Board members can resign at any time. Vacant positions can be filled by a majority vote of the Board members between annual General meetings.

Drew will contact Hannah and Carol to see whether they want to begin attending meetings again and remain Board members, or whether they wish to resign.

**Web Updates:** Cedar Mountain did a good job on the first phase of the web updates. Laurie moved and Deb seconded that Kathie contact them and initiate the second phase of updates. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:345pm. The next regular Board Meeting will also be via ZOOM, on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

*Kathie Snodgrass*  
Secretary