Minutes GPOA Board Meeting

October 2, 2013

President Dave Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Attendance: Dave Nelson, President; Ron Garren, VP; Bill Marshall, Secretary; George Moyle, Treasurer; Don Brinkley, Asst. Treasurer; Patrick Feury, Asst. Secretary. Absent: Jim Huff

Officer's Reports:

President: Dave noted that reports were made to the City of New Bern regarding both the pothole on the egress side of the College entrance and the damage done to a Bollard at the same location by a semi truck. Universal Landscaping's "Thank You BBQ" is scheduled for Saturday October 5, 2013 with approximately 200 having signed up for the event. The Fire Prevention and Utilities awareness meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th with the GPOA Board providing cheese, appetizers and non-alcoholic refreshments (a cash bar will be made available). The annual meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013. Dave brought up for discussion the email received from Carol Houser, editor of the Greenbrier Gazette, seeking GPOA assistance with respect to publicizing the Mail for Heroes" Christmas card initiative. After some general discussion, Dave Nelson made a motion that "The GPOA participate in support of the "Mail for Heroes event. A discussion ensued in which several members expressed concern about the scope of support (email, address labels, envelope stuffing) as well as the ramifications of setting a precedent. With Dave's concurrence, Bill Marshall offered an amended motion that said "The GPOA will utilize the GPOA email system to publicize the "Mail for Heroes" initiative, after having been approached by the Editor of the Greenbrier Gazette, due to publication dates that could not get the word out in a timely way"

A vote was called and the motion passed five votes in favor, none opposed and one abstention.

Vice-President: No Report

Secretary: No Report

<u>Treasurer:</u> George Moyle presented the Treasurer's Report which showed \$19,250 in the combined checking accounts, \$42,000 in various CDs and Emergency Funds and expenses in September of \$1,125. The PNC checking account will be closed as soon as arrangements are made to have the drafting for City of New Bern utility bill done automatically from the Vantage South checking account. We are still projected to be under budget for 2013, however there is a potential for some significant tree removal work to reduce the surplus.

Committee Reports:

Architectural & Covenants Committee: No Report

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Beautification: Loomis' Mowing contract is up for renewal. Ron presented the new proposal, which reflected a two-percent increase in mowing fees, as well as \$500 for spraying quarterly around the pond in the park and \$150 for spraying around the Main entrance, as has been performed annually. Ron moved that the GPOA Board accept the contract in light of the satisfactory work performed in 2013. Bill Marshall seconded the motion and the vote was five in favor, none opposed and one abstention. He is still awaiting word from the City regarding pond weed remediation and the ditch rehabilitation along the eighth hole of the Emerald Golf Course. The successful bidders for the Parkway bushhogging and the Park clean-up are expected to begin later this month.

Emerald Advisory Meeting: No Report (no subsequent meetings since the Board last met).

Emergency Management: No Report

Financing: Don Brinkley presented a draft of a proposed 2014 budget. After a discussion amongst the Board with various changes recommended, including adding to some categories, decreasing other categories, and renaming a few, a draft was tentatively agreed upon for revenue and expenses. Don will present the revised Budget at the next Board meeting in November, at which time the Board will vote on its acceptance and if approved, it will be presented to the Membership at the Annual Meeting in December.

Membership: The final tally of GPOA members is 484, a decline of two from 2012.

Nomination Committee: The Committee has identified three candidates who wish to run for the three impending vacancies. There is still time for other prospective candidates to throw their name in the ring, but nominations will close October 18.

Welcoming Committee: No Report, Don agreed to check with respective committee persons to cross-reference if we have contact list of new residents as was shown in the Gazette.

Old Business:

Database Administration helper. George Moyle, Dave Nelson and Pat Feury agreed to meet separately to discuss Pat's scope of work and to more closely define time requirements.

George Moyle will issue a check for Carp purchase to the Emerald as was agreed upon at the September meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Marshall, Secretary GPOA Board