New Columbia Owner’s Association

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023

***Meeting held via Zoom***

Attendees:

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| **Board Members** | **Management** | **Membership/Guests** | **Vendors** |
|  |  | Ginean McIntoshKimberly JacksonJacquiline VanLeyenJanis KhorsiSpencer HutchinsonShanda JusticeJesseTina HarrisAlicaAdrienne | Mike Nielsen, ValleyscapesOfficer Ortiz, Portland Police |
| Shalonna Jackson | Michael WhitneyDaisy Betancourt |
| Simon Williams | Juli Garvey |
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The meeting begins at about 6:30 PM with introductions by Shalonna Jackson – Simmon is running late due to Technical Difficulties.

1. **Review and approve February 2023 and May 2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes**
	* Meeting minutes approved by Simon and Shalonna.
2. **Portland Police Officers**
* Michael Introduced Officer Ortiz and opened the floor to anyone that had questions for them.
* Ginean asked about the recent shootings and how the community is informed about these shootings. Large gathering by N Newman, dispersed when police arrived.
* Ortiz, not familiar with gathering at N Newman but hasn’t pulled and reviewed reports for the week. He does that on Wednesday. Community members can follow PPB facebook, twitter, or other social media accounts and can sign up for their email blasts to stay on top of community events regarding shootings or other issues.
* Michael discussed shooting on N Woolsey, Officer Edner present. Damage to property, no injuries. Collected casings.
* Officer Ortiz Explains how they collect evidence and track evidence.
* Ginean asks if crime is increasing in New Columbia.
* Ortiz says without data in front him, he feels overall crime is down, they have less reports of shootings or other violent crimes compared to the rest of the city.
1. **Landscaping Updates with ValleyScapes**
* Mike said we made it through the heat wave. Mowing to start back next week.
* Clover treatment going good.
* Aerating lawns and common areas for fall seeding. Will start seeding at end of month.
* Irrigation to shut down in about 6 weeks or cut back depending on weather.
* Next Project is leaf removal season.
* Kimberly Jackson said that Clovers are back in the common area in front of her Home. Mike says once it cools down, clovers love the heat, they start spot treating them to remove them.
* Michael Whitney says Home Owners can always email him with concerns or call the office and he will send those concerns over to ValleyScapes.
1. **Update about Union Pacific Homeless camps**
* Michael Hands meeting over to Juli to go over updates.
* Management had meeting with Legal Counsel in regards to the neglect of their property. Our Next step is to write a letter to two of representatives in Congress. Rep. Blumenauer and Sen. Wyden.
* Sen Wyden Link: <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/email-ron>
* Rep. Blumenauer: <https://blumenauerforms.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/>
* Provided suggested focus points that community members so community can send letters as well.
1. **Year to Date Financial Review**
* Michael and Juli go Over YTD Financial Review.
* Reserves down to 277,776.00 from 347,670.59 to cover capital expenses that need to be paid. Still good in line with budget.
* Variance in Security Patrol – check to see if professional services are true variance and other bills coming out.
* Over in Landscaping – items being coded in correctly – items should be in land improvements can see by positive variance in land improvements.
* Question about Total income where we are approx. 5,000 shorts. Check to see if we over budgeted for HF Dues, a timing issues, or if there is a correction.

**VI. Community Updates**

* + Shalonna goes over Community dates.
	+ Passing Art – theater group worked with NC in past. Proving youth theater camp for 8 to 12 years. Saturdays for 3 weeks – show case on 10/27/2023.
	+ Community Cycling Center – working on doing community brunch on 9/23/2023.
	+ Energy Assistance through the end of September.
	+ Free food market 3rd Saturday of every month.
	+ Two community members starting September to be part of the community builder program. More information to come!
	+ CJCC to start early fall registration. Ends 8/27/2023. Please go to Portland Parks and Rec website for more details.
	+ Ginean says that 9/9/2023 11 AM to 2 PM. Village Garden will be having a community celebration. Application to sell handmade items. Submit applications Village Market – can find application at management office.
1. **Member Comments**
* Shanda Justice – did not receive email from management nor did they receive any emails about community updates from HF.
* MW sent email but did not have updated email – updated email in HOA blast email group**.** Resent email to Shanda to new email address.
* Shalonna got updated email from Shanda in chat**.**
* Simon asks about Dog Park in empty lot. MW working on Bids and would need to lease land to HOA, so HOA could help pay for upkeep**.**
* Juli says to look into partners to help set up/sponsoring parks. Simon to check with pet stores.
* Dog park would not increase dues. If we get Sponsors to pay for everything no charge to HOA.
* Shelly will have to provide an update about the CCRs.
* Juli asked MW to research what the process is to make N Trenton St a school Zone.

**VIII. Adjournment**

* Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM