

**Buckhead of Tallahassee – Homeowners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2023**

Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order – Shirley Kerns, President

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. The following Board members were present: Shirley Kerns, Allison Harrell, Mary Woody, Ken Stafford, and Jennifer Prather. A quorum was met.

Treasurer’s Report – Allison Harrell, Treasurer, and Ken Stafford, Asst. Treasurer

Report routed; budget updates provided.

Irrigation Improvements – Ken Stafford and Shirley Kerns

Discussion of updating the front entrance irrigation system, which is approximately 28 years old. Discussion included consideration of moving the meter/system to within the island to avoid having to address any future issues that occur under the streets. The pipes have leaks, and Shirley will seek 2-3 bids to either replace or repair the system.

Outstanding Dues Settlement Update – Shirley Kerns

Follow up to July discussion in which the property owner requested to settle with only payment of outstanding dues. A letter was subsequently left at the property via process server, thanking the owner for the dues payment and included an offer to eliminate the interest, but still requesting the other outstanding fees (process server charges, certified mail charges, attorney costs, recording for claim of lien). No response was received.

A motion was made to send another letter via process server, requesting the outstanding balance of \$504 and indicating a lien is in place.

The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Development – Shirley Kerns

Discussion of a letter received by some residents regarding proposed development near Henry Robinson Way near the Presbyterian Church (playground equipment and sidewalks).

Alison received information by Steve Laubach (Buckhead property owner) regarding a sign showing a proposed retirement village with three-story apartments. Alison will send a photo of the sign to Shirley.

Fireworks Follow Up – Shirley Kerns

Follow up to July discussion of purchasing signs to remind homeowners that fireworks are not permitted per Buckhead Covenants. Shirley will research the sign option (per Sue

Niewenhaus' earlier research). The signs will be purchased and attached to existing speed limit signs (where the HOA previously added Children at Play signs) and will be placed each year from June 15 – July 5 and December 15 – January 2.

Property Insurance on Front Entrance Sign – Shirley Kerns

The insurance policy covering the front entrance brick sign expired November 27, 2003, and the insurance company has indicated it will not be renewed. The insurance broker is investigating other options going forward.

Other Issues

Pine Tree – a large pine tree in a City of Tallahassee owned common space was recently struck by lightning and appears to be dying (the tree is still standing). Shirley proposed calling a city representative to see if it can be taken down. Ken then proposed we authorize Bob Apgar to meet with the city to discuss next steps.

HB 919 – discussion of new language passed during the 2023 Florida Legislative Session, making changes to HOA legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.