

Firethorne Community Association Inc. Board of Directors met at 28800 S. Firethorne Road and via Teams Meeting from 7:00p.m. to 8:24 p.m., March 27, 2024, pursuant to the attached Notice (Exhibit A).

Directors in attendance were:

Robin Short, President  
Katie Carner, Vice President

Ronald Crasta, Treasurer  
Gary Boostrom, Board Member (via Teams)

Also present was Margaret Sparkman, Community Manager, Asst. Community Manager, Kathleen Oakley, and Austin Barsalou of Barsalou & Associates. Quorum was established, and Mr. Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Community Input-**

- Ryan Sheffield a resident that lives on Monarch Terrace Drive asked about the perimeter fencing that was on the original plans to be placed behind the houses on his street. He understands that the property behind these houses is owned by the MUD but would like the Board to reconsider working with the MUD to be allowed to use this land.
- A resident from Blinkwood Park spoke about the City of Katy land behind her street that is set to be rezoned from residential to commercial. She was hoping the Board had some suggestions as to what they can do to stop this from happening. She stated that there is a hearing on April 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss this matter. Mr. Short said the Board has no authority over this situation but encouraged her to get neighbors to show up at the hearing and speak out.

**Minutes** – February 28, 2024 minutes were approved.

**Constable Report** – Steve Holtz from the Constable office gave the Deputy Report for the month. He stated that it is not the recommendation of the constable's office to hire a night shift deputy, most calls they receive are during the day. License plate readers would be less expensive than hiring another deputy. Currently there is no timeline to replace Deputy Atkins.

**Financials** – The February financials were approved. There will be a credit coming back from the county because we are short one deputy. Certified letters to delinquent homeowners will be mailed out on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Committee Report –**

- Therese Kotara, acting chair of the Amenities Committee noted that the Topsy Turny playground equipment should be delivered in 2 weeks and the benches should be delivered in 8 weeks.
- Bob Havin, Cell Tower Committee chair sent an email stating that the committee is looking into drill site. The HOA lawyers said it would be best to look elsewhere. The committee has no concrete recommendations yet. The Board stated that they want to see action in the next month or will have to consider changing membership or perhaps disbanding the committee.
- Meredith Lauer of the Community Watch Committee said they had a good meeting. She shared a quote that a Block Captain said, "If you know who your neighbors are than you know who your neighbors aren't". Meredith also mentioned they are considering offering self defense classes. Their next meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Manager's Report–**

- Margaret updated the Board on the accounts receivable and delinquent accounts.

#### **Old Business –**

- Swim Houston contract renewal approved.
- Jason Rainosek, perimeter fence project manager, said Aber is set to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jason also addressed Mr. Sheffield's question. He said that area was moved out of Phase 1 not completely removed from the project and there are ongoing conversations with the MUD.

#### **New Business –**

- The Board ratified the approval made by email to waive late fees for residents with 2 homes in the community.
- The Board ratified the approval made by email on proposal from Swim Houston on compliance with new drains for the recreational pool and kiddie/slide pool.
- The Board approved and signed a contract with Bluegrass Landscaping to go month to month. The MUD and HOA are looking into having one landscaping contractor for the whole community.
- Spring Fest Sponsors reviewed by the Board.
- You can find all answers pertaining to community rules, regulations, and guidelines on the website, [firethornecai.com](http://firethornecai.com)
- Margaret provided the Board with the Manager's Recap of the Month Report.
- Next Board Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7 p.m., in a hybrid format.

**Executive Session--** The Board went into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

**Executive Session ended at 8:24 p.m.**

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- The Board approved writing off 9 account balances under \$10.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.



HOA Board Member

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