

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OCT. 2, 2012

PRESENT: Ann Thoreson, Sheila Wallace, Chuck Smith, Sophia Platt, Valerie Harrison, George Miller, John Williams, Chris Hanson, Thomas Palmer and Luther Young.

Meeting called to order at 1: pm

OLD BUSINESS

Planting for October 6, 2012.

The Water crew will be contacted to have the tents, tables and chairs in place for the Saturday event. A good assortment of bulbs have been purchased. Ann and Sheila will perform the planting demonstration. There should be a good turnout with information published in the *Chinook Observer* and on blog sites.

Storage boxes for events

The group discussed the need for storage boxes to be used to store supplies used in the various Surfside functions and events. These events and functions would include but not limited to: annual picnic, fishing derby, concerts and chili cook off and Christmas decorations. A motion was approved to check on costs and report at next committee meeting. The group choice was an approximate size 30 gallon with wheels. Smaller boxes would also be used inside the larger size. There is money in the committee budget to cover the cost.

Welcome Bags

Ann showed the the group the new member welcome bags with printing that listed emergency supplies to grab and go. Just another example of the committee's concern for the well being of fellow association members.

Septic tank covers

Ann, co-chair and local craft artist, explained how mosaic covers would enhance the appearance of the septic covers by the office entrance. She has volunteered to design and make the covers. They will be a sea theme. She will be reimbursed the cost of materials.

Budget for 2013

Chris Hanson, Board Treasurer, discussed the budget process . The committee would like a checking account for the deposit of checks for the children Christmas gift fund. Chris outlined how this could be done. Chris also explained how a line item of \$1000.00 for next years golf tournament would be administered. A motion was made and passed to continue with the golf tournament in 2013.

Other

Sheila Wallace spoke on the need for committee reports in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Bark dust

Sophia Platt led the discussion on the need for improvement of the beach trail at 311th and I Street. She suggested that some plantings would be good. Due to the 10 foot easement it was determined that there would be some bark dust placed beside the trail with no room for plantings.

Office emergency power generator

John Williams, Chairperson of the *Emergency Management Committee*, and the entire committee were present to discuss with the *Community Relations Committee* the budget proposal for an emergency generator and a plan to staff the office in the event of a power outage.

Chris Hanson had requested to be present to discuss the responsibilities of community relations volunteers being available to cover the office during emergencies. A list of those volunteers will be presented at the next board meeting.

Everyone present was in agreement for the need of a generator to be able to operate the office in the event of a power outage. They felt it was vital to be able to receive and dispense information to members. The office would be staffed and have generated power during normal business hours of 8:am to 5:pm. In the event of a weekend emergency the office would be staffed by volunteers with two at a time doing a four hour shift. The *Community Relations Committee* will have the responsibility to provide volunteer staffing as needed during an emergency.

The *Emergency Management Committee* related to the group the extensive process that they would be involved in at a committee level.

Meeting adjourn at 2:30pm

Next meeting November 9, 2012 at 1:pm in the Board room

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