

Tree Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weed Committee Minutes May 18, 2018

Call to Order: 1:00 PM

Present: Peggy Olds (Chair), Karen Pachman (Secretary), Laura Frazier (Compliance Officer/Business Manager), Annette deLeest (Trustee). Guests: Diane Mangels and Gil Gonzales

Introduction and Welcome: Peggy welcomed all committee members and guests to the meeting.

Old Business:

- **April 2018 Committee Minutes:** The Draft April 2018 minutes have been circulated by e-mail for correction. Unanimous approval of the minutes; they will be submitted to the Board at the May 19 meeting.
- **Committee Charter and Policy review:** Laura stated that she is still waiting to hear from the Surfside lawyer concerning the proposed wording change for the Procedure and Schedules of Fines (pertaining to tree height) the committee discussed several months ago. She will schedule it for committee review or the Board of Trustee's action once she receives the feedback.
- **Follow-up Chipper Site Concerns:** Peggy reported on her follow-up with the Firewise Committee. The Firewise committee received bids regarding chipping during the 2018 season. They plan follow-up with the bidders to clarify bids include an additional chipping mid-season to reduce debris pile height. They are also planning to re-orient location of the debris stack closer to the canal, spread it over a wider/lower area and provide an additional gate for easier egress. The Firewise committee will consider the Tree Committee feedback to limit the amount of brush and debris pile height on the chipper site during the summer season at their next meeting. They will keep the Tree committee informed of their decisions.
- **Other Old business:** None

New Business:

- **Tree Report/Discussion:** Laura presented her report for May 2018. One (1) new complaint was added to the existing twenty (20) complaints and four (4) were closed. At the end of May 2018, we have seventeen (17) outstanding complaints. See attached report from Laura.
- **Complaint # 4991--**Laura asked for committee review and feedback on a requested compliance plan she received from the property owner regarding complaint #4991. The property owner is requesting until July/End of Summer 2019 (13-15 months) to complete trimming of trees due to pollen related health issues. Committee members

acknowledged that allergies can be a big problem for individuals. However, the landowner also stated he is likely to burn the tree trimmings. Smoke from fires is a cause of frequent complaints from members suffering from allergies and respiratory issues. The committee members discussed balancing the needs of the member who has to do the work, allergy/respiratory issues vs burning, the needs of the member who filed the complaint, the fact the complaint is a valid overheight issue, the fact shore pine pollen is essentially gone by mid-June, and the chipper site is open for disposal of the debris during non-allergy season. The committee recommended giving the property owner six months post pollen season (to December 2018) to complete the work as a compromise to satisfy the multiple issues identified. It was also recommended that property owner be asked not burn the debris on his property but to use the free-to-Surfside members chipper site for disposal of the trimmings. Laura, Surfside compliance officer, will make the final decision on the plan considering the committee's input and contact the property owner with her decision.

- **Surf-In-Sider Article:** Peggy submitted an article for the July edition of the Surf-In-Sider. See attached article.
- **Other New Business:** Diane Mangels has asked to join the Tree Committee. The committee agreed unanimously to accept her request. Annette will submit Diane's name to the BOT tomorrow. Peggy will provide follow-up training prior to our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Next Meeting: June 15, 2018 at 1:00 Surfside Board Room, HOA office

Spring/Summer 2018

We always think of Spring as a time to clean up our homes, open the windows and get ready for the wonderful sunny days here by the beach. It's also a great time to "spruce up" our yards, Campsites or lots. Get ready for our long, dry fun-packed summer season. Here are a few tips to help:

Tree Maintenance



- Trim shore pines to manage height and shape growth
- Remove dead trees or tree limbs for safety, fire and disease Control
- Clean up needle drop to prevent fire hazard

Weed Control



- Remove or treat noxious or invasive weeds like Gorse, Scotch broom, blackberry
- Use weed control barriers under paths, borders
- Plant native species to encourage birds and beneficial insects

Brush Control



- Remove brush and dead limbs from your site
- Avoid burning debris wherever possible
- Surfside is a designated Firewise Community
- A brush chipper site is at 350th and G Streets
- Members can access the site starting May 23rd through Labor Day weekend

Most of all, enjoy your wonderful Surfside Community at the beach!

Peggy Olds, Chairperson, Surfside Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weed Committee