

TREE, BRUSH, VEGETATION AND NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE

March 6, 2020

Call to Order: 1:00 pm

Present: Peggy Olds (Chair), Annette deLeest (Trustee) Karen Pachman (Secretary), Valerie Harrison, Larry Raymer, Betsey Nelson (via phone), Georgia Olson (Compliance Inspector)
Guests: Tom Reber (General Manager), Heidi and John Fitzgerald, Steve Flickinger, Charlie Guthrie, Linda Bruley, Sue Johnson.

Introduction and Welcome: Peggy welcomed all members and guest. Introductions were made.

Old Business:

--February 2020 Minutes: The draft February 2020 minutes were circulated by email for revisions. Tom submitted the final minutes at the February, 2020 Board meeting; the committee's minutes were approved.

--Member Appeal Case #5445--Charlie Guthrie, President of the Surfcrest Condo Association (SC) presented SC's request to change the tree height from the current 16 feet to the same height as the three buildings which he says are between 30 and 35 feet. He also requested the Surfside online maps and Exhibit A of the covenants reflect any approved change. After a lengthy discussion that included case review, historical information provided by Mr. Guthrie, arborists recommendations, heights of surrounding properties on G Street, covenant requirements, complainant input, Valerie Harrison made a motion with Karen Pachman seconding to recommend to the Architectural Committee a height limit change to 24 feet with corresponding documentation changes to Surfside's exhibit A and online maps. The motion passed with 4 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain. Peggy will attend the next Architectural committee meeting and present the Tree Committee's findings. She will clarify next steps for SC. Mr. Guthrie asked if the 12 individual cases now logged for individual condo owners could be consolidated into one complaint with SC as the responsible agent as the area is managed as a common area for all SC owners. The committee and Georgia agreed that would be an appropriate action given his documentation and status of the current discussion.

--Member Appeal Case # 5234--This member decided to cancel his appeal and bring his trees to current covenant height limits.

Other Old business: Case #5414--Member said she was planning on appealing the tree height and would have her appeal in by February 15th, 2020. No appeal has been sent to Georgia. Since no appeal was filed, Georgia will proceed with compliance implementation as specified in Surfside covenants.

New Business:

--Tree Report/Discussion: Georgia Olson submitted a written report as of March 2020: two (2) new cases were added to the one hundred and two (102) current cases in February 2020. Six (6) cases have been closed during February 2020 and one (1) case was determined to be invalid. Total open cases as of March 7, 2020 is ninety-seven (97). See report for detail. Tom reported on two cases that have been referred to attorney.

--Member contacts: Case # 5214. Lot is owned by Pacific County in trust and has been out of compliance since February 2019. Per Larry's recommendation, Tom will try to contact Mike

Collins, Pacific county representative Surfside has worked with in the past to determine if trees can be maintained at or below covenants height.

--Procedure for Addressing Member-to-member complaints--Peggy shared a draft procedure. Discussion was tabled until next meeting to give committee time for review.

Other New Business:

--Plan for Pro-Active Compliance. Board adopted a proactive approach to covenant compliance in August 2019. The committee will assist Georgia in implementing this approach as necessary.

--Peggy provided sample updates for Weekender publication for committee review. A Gorse and Scotch Broom handout from the Washington State weed board, Critical Area Resource Lands (CARL) handout and a Spring clean-up brochure were discussed for comment. She will work with Kimber to get information out to members and in the newcomer packets on these issues.

Guests comments

-- Several guests were interested in the status of complaint cases they filed. They had not been informed of actions to date. Georgia and/or Peggy will meet privately with each member(s) to provide specific information on the complaints they filed.

--Members present wanted to better understand the how tree complaints cases are processed. They expressed concerns about uneven enforcement of the covenants and lack of member information on the status of valid cases.

--More information is needed about work around shorelines and county rules related to Critical Area Resource Land (CARL) requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:00 pm Surfside HOA (NOTE: Meeting day change to Wednesday April 1 is for one month only; changed at staff request)