

FAIRVIEW PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2017

<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
President Ken Dolan	X	
Vice President Barbara Lauer	X	
Treasurer Sarah Ellis		X
Secretary Marcy Sigurdson	X	
Director Karen Fandel	X	
Director Dan Cashman	X	
Director Hank Otto	X	
Director Karla Ellsworth	X	
Director Raymond Tobias (via phone)		X
ACB Judy Whitney	X	
Laila Whitaker, Villages Services	X	
Eileen Walsh, Villages Services	X	

**Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests:** Dick and Laurie Kansky.

**Reading of Minutes of September 5, 2017, Meeting:** Motion by Karla to dispense with the reading of the September minutes and accept them as written; seconded by Barb. Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Laila received an email from Rick Sigurdson commenting on the proposed changes to the Covenants, which she forwarded to the Board. Laila then introduced Eileen Walsh, who will be Fairview's new property manager,

**President's Comments – Ken Dolan:** None.

**Vice President's Comments – Barbara Lauer:** None.

**Treasurer's Report – Sarah Ellis:** Absent - no report. No financial reports were received from Michelle Madlow.

**Welcome Committee – Barbara Lauer:** Karen offered to take over the Welcome Committee duties.

**Roads and Grounds – Hank Otto:** On September 7, Hank contacted Todd regarding trimming arounds signs, etc., in the neighborhood, since it hadn't been done since

May. The trimming has now been done. Hank advised Todd to submit a new proposal. A discussion ensued as to the length of the current contract with Todd. Karla suggested putting out a contract for bid, but to give Todd the first chance to bid. Ken will put a new flag up when the tree near the flagpole is removed. A complaint was made about the two “stick” trees on either side of the sign. Todd will be asked to take them down.

**ACB Report – Judy Whitney:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Citrus County fire safety and emergency services – The Kanskys wanted to alert the membership of the lack of emergency coverage for Fairview. The Kanskys attended a Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting. The fire/EMS service was under the Sheriff’s Office from 2011 until May 9, 2017, when the BOCC took it over. The closest fire house to Fairview is the Hernando FD on 200, just north of the 41/200 intersection. It is not staffed—volunteers only. Laurie Kansky stated the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sets a minimum of five firefighters per station for the safety of the public and the firefighters. The current response time for the HFD is the second worst in the county. The Kanskys stated the MSBU needs to be increased to get more services. The current MSBU is \$54.00 per year, which is half as much as surrounding counties. If MSBU is increased by only \$11.00, it would provide three firefighters per station for nine stations. The Citrus County Council rejected this proposal (note: no one on the BOCC has any fire/EMS/emergency experience). The Kanskys also advised that ambulances are not always available. You might call for an ambulance and be told “Status Zero,” which means none are available. This sometimes happens several times a day. An ambulance cannot leave the hospital/ER until the patient is admitted. Sometimes two or three ambulances are waiting to discharge their patient(s), sometimes for hours (this is a hospital rule). The Kanskys feel that nothing will be done to remedy these situations unless a lot more people become aware and speak up by writing letters to the *Chronicle* editor and/or the BOCC. Nothing can be done for this year, since the budget is already set. There was another meeting on August 6. Because of firefighters being switched from the Sheriff’s Office to the BOCC, firefighters lost a lot of their health coverage. New firefighters only make \$11.00 per hour. Firefighters now have to pay a lot more for their health insurance. Some may opt to work in other counties for better benefits.

Dick Kansky attended yet another meeting, and found out that other counties have a full time EMT at the hospital whose job it is to take in people from the ambulance calls. If that were the case in Citrus County, that would speed up the process of making ambulances available sooner, and decrease the amount of “Status Zero” incidents. There were no statistics given as to the number of “Status Zero” occurrences. Karla stated that data should be available through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as

well as 9-1-1 calls. Dick Kansky said that since we all pay taxes and MSBU, we should all get equal service. Dick Kansky asked if the Board would contact other associations. Ken will do that. Barb suggested the Kanskys write something to put on the Fairview web site.

It was suggested that a post card be sent out to the membership. It was also suggested that there be someone at the Annual Meeting to speak and address this issue, perhaps Commissioner Carnahan and/or County Executive Randy Oliver, and also someone from the fire department.

With the Board's permission, Ken will contact other POAs. Villages Services represents 42 communities in the county. Karen suggested the Kanskys put something together to email to other Boards.

The Kanskys wanted this issue put on the October 23 special meeting agenda. Ken explained that this was not possible, since the meeting is for the sole purpose of voting on the rearrangement of the Covenants. This issue could, however, be brought up at the 2018 Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the Board work with other POAs to get the word out and work on a strategy.

**Board Member Comments:** Ken gave Laila a thank you card from the Board.

**REMINDER:** Special POA meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. Dan advised that he has secured the church for the Annual Meeting for Monday, February 26, 2018.

**Guest Comments:** None.

**Setting Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at Villages Services, 2541 N. Reston Terrace, Hernando.

**Adjournment:** **Motion** to adjourn by Marcy; seconded by Karla. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy M. Sigurdson, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_