

# **Sandy Hook Community Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2012**

**Approved November 5, 2012**

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Susan Soux’s home, 5938 Sandy Hook Road (date changed from original date set due to Thanksgiving.)

Board Members Present: Gray Waddell, Gene Scanlan, Susan Soux, Melanie Vallieres, Valerie Nash

Board Members Absent: Michael Hertz, Bijan Sametz-Asgari

Chair: Gray Waddell      Minutes: Gene Scanlan

1. Call to Order: 7:13 PM
2. Agenda was approved, moved by Susan, seconded by Valerie.
3. The Minutes of the August 6, 2012 were approved, moved by Valerie, seconded by Melanie.
4. Officers’ Reports
  - A. President’s Report (Gray): 1) Gray reported that he had attended 2 Council meetings and one Committee of the Whole meeting; he also was not able to attend one Council meeting. The only major item to report was the move to Stage 4 watering restrictions due to the lack of rain – there is to be no outdoor watering and the SCR D will patrol to enforce the restriction.
  - B. Secretary’s Report (Gene): 1) Gene asked that all Board members notify him in advance if they will or will not be attending Board meetings. 2) Gene also reported that he had renewed the web domain name for the Association and turned over the expenses to Melanie for reimbursement.
  - C. Treasurer’s Report (Melanie): 1) Melanie reported that she had renewed the Association’s GIC in the amount of \$2,140.79 and reported the balance in the SHCA account as \$1,686.13.
5. Board Member Suggestions (All): 1) After a discussion of several potential SHCA new Board members who might be appointed to fill vacancies, it was agreed that each current Board member would report back on any discussions and possibly invite candidates to the November Board meeting.

6. Newsletter (Gene): 1) Gene is working on some of the articles and will include other articles by Susan (disaster planning), the One Straw Society (Valerie), and the Sunshine Coast Fruit Tree Project (Melanie) as well as other possible articles. 2) The Board agreed to set January 17, 2013 as the date for the annual Meet and Greet, which would run from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. Ideas discussed for the Meet and Greet include having a pot luck dinner, holding it in Sandy Hook, keeping it informal, and possibly offering door prizes. Basic information will be included in the Fall Newsletter. 3) Delivery of the newsletter will be coordinated by Gene; it is likely that it will only be placed in the newsletter boxes and posted online, due to both the weather and the availability of volunteers.

7. Gazebo funds and tot lot (Gray): 1) Gray will re-contact the District to see if a meeting can be set with the appropriate staff person to see if a meeting can be arranged to discuss re-allocation of funds originally for the gazebo in the tot lot to upgrade the play area and make other improvements.

8. Disaster Planning Initiative (Susan): 1) Susan reported she had contacted Rita Hunt, who handles the Welcome Wagon for the District, about getting a SHCA-prepared brochure along with other Welcome Wagon materials to new Sandy Hook residents (this is based on Valerie's idea for an SHCA information/promotion piece to be made available for those selling homes in Sandy Hook, potential buyers, and real estate agents). 2) Valerie will give Susan the completed disaster planning surveys. 3) Susan is continuing to collect information and proposed doing a door-to-door survey on disaster planning. Marcia (\_\_\_\_) and Karin Beeman have offered to help with the survey. 4) Susan also has spoken with people in Lower Sandy Hook, which is updating its 2004 disaster plan. Some people there have confidentiality issues and want to keep information at the neighborhood level. 5) Susan reviewed possible questions for the survey. 6) She also reported that she had met with Bill Elsner, who is the Emergency Program Coordinator for the SCRD. He stressed the need to be self-sufficient for about 2 weeks in the event of a disaster, as the Coast may be cut off from help and communication for that period of time. 7) The Board discussed ideas to meet a disaster, including purchasing emergency supplies and storing them in Sandy Hook. Gray mentioned that several years ago the SHCA discussed having emergency equipment and supply caches on Sandy Hook, but nothing was done about this as there were several issues with the idea. 8. Also discussed was the idea of holding a basic first aid course for Sandy Hook residents. SHCA could possibly underwrite some of the costs. 9. Gray suggested making the topic of disaster planning the focus of a future Board meeting, especially if the door-to-door survey is completed. Information collected from the survey could be made available at the January Meet and Greet, if it is available.

9. Other Program Ideas (All): 1) There was a brief discussion of information for real estate people (see also above). Gene offered to help Valerie with this project. 2) Gene said he would get application information for possible SHCA participation in the Canada Day parade.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2012 at Melanie's home, 5922 Sandy Hook Road.

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.