

SSVPOA Minutes December 9, 2023

The SSVPOA board meeting on December 9, 2023, was held at Forest Assembly of God Recreation Room.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am

The President established a quorum with a board member rollcall.

Board members present

Kristen Barnes/**President**

John Akins/**Vice President**

Daniel Barnes/**Treasure**

Daniel Barnes/**Secretary**

Carol Lane/**Board Member**

Marjorie Tuley/**Alt Board Member**

Larry Backensto/**Alt Board Member**

There were 17 members present and 6 board members present totaling 23 attendees present.

The last meeting minutes were posted on the community website, Daniel Barnes motioned to accept the minutes, Majorie Tuley and Carol Lane seconded, and the vote was passed on the floor.

President's Report

Reviewed the progress of the second revitalization vote that is ongoing.

Reported the second signature yes vote collection was at 26% and reminded all the attendees about the Drop Box located at our house for the convenience of the community to save a stamp and a trip to the post office.

Kristen made everyone aware that after December 11th she or Daniel Barnes, will go door to door to get any remaining votes.

Beth Campbell asked, how many votes are needed to have revitalization successful? Kristen Barnes answered, 51% is needed and we would like 57% to 60% to be in a comfortable position. She reminded everyone that we had 66.5% yes votes with the first submittal.

Kristen Barnes reported on the progress happening at the boat ramp clean up. She spoke about Tim Santrock and Bob Tardif working together to spray the chemicals and spread the vegetation eating pellets to keep the waterway clear. Kristen and Daniel Barnes donated the whole of the next years' worth of chemicals to treat the waterway. Kristen thanked Tim and Bob for donating their time to manage this project.

John Akins stated that he had some left-over chemical that can be used in the waterway. Kristen Barnes had a reminder to verify the chemical name is listed on the waterway permit before use and to provide the chemical to Tim Santrock.

Vice President Report

Nothing to report.

Treasure Report

Reviewed the financial report.

Balance as of September 9 th , 2023,	\$6,056.27
Deposits after September 9 th , 2023,	\$ 700.00
Total	\$6,756.27
Electric bill	\$1,287.55
Landscape bill	\$ 300.00
DNO Insurance bill	\$ 348.60
Website bill	\$ 111.96
Boat Ramp Tax bill	\$ 587.17
Total	\$2,635.28

\$6,756.27 - \$2,635.28 = **\$4,120.99** remaining in the bank account.

\$7,181.29 is still owed to the attorney for the revitalization process.

Kristen Barnes thanked Ken Campbell again for his donation of two free months for our community landscape contract and litter pick up at our front entrance.

Kristen Barnes stated that the end of year financials will be posted to the community website at the beginning of January, and they will be reviewed in the March meeting.

Pam Falkner reported that the streetlight in front of her house was still on all day and night. Kristen Barnes said she will report it again to Clay to get it fixed.

Daniel Barnes reminded everyone how the streetlights are billed to the community. The lights do not have individual meters, so the charge is an estimated value issued by the utility company. This information is useful to know that when a light is off, we are still paying electricity for it, so reporting an out light is super important. A light that burns all day is more of an environmental waste of electricity, but we do not receive any extra charge on our account. We want these lights fixed as soon as possible, so they need to be reported to Kristen right away.

Terry Lewis reported that the light on his street is blinking on and off at night. Kristen Barnes said she will report it to Clay to get it fixed.

John Akins motioned to accept the financial report, Larry Backensto and Beth Campbell seconded, and the vote was passed on the floor.

Secretary Report

Reviewed the annual board election process.

Presented the voting ballot to write in each name of the person you wish to elect if any position has more than one candidate to vote for.

Addressed the attendees to review the current board elected officials and asked if anyone would like to run for any of the positions for 2024. All the existing board members were the only candidates to nominate themselves for their currently held positions, so no positions were challenged.

After a review of motioning each position or making one motion to re-elect all existing board members back into their existing positions, it was determined that we will make one motion to re-elect all positions at once.

Jimmy Dionne motioned to accept all existing board members to retain their existing positions, Deborah Skinner seconded, and the vote was passed on the floor.

Old Business

The last meeting at the boat ramp we voted to hold our meetings at the Forest Assembly of God Recreation Room. The new meeting location is very accessible. It is within walking distance of some of our residences and State Road 40 does not have to be traveled to reach it.

New Business

No new business to discuss.

Public Forum

The floor was opened to all attendees for discussions and questions.

Mike Tuley asked about reinstating the existing covenants and the rule about having multiple RVs and will this be an issue once everything is re-instated? Kristen Barnes answered, in the existing covenants, there were never guidelines for enforcement and once revitalization takes place, then as a community, we can discuss what rules we want to keep or change or get rid of with the guidance from our community attorney to add enforcement and do anything like this. In the meantime, if it is there it is grandfathered in.

Kristen Barnes reviewed the situation regarding the reported damage of the roadway from the new home being built on SE 173rd Court. When you find something or see something and contact me right away, I was, like in this instance, able to get the county involved and the home will not be given a certificate of occupancy (CO) per the county's Road Engineer until that road damaged by their subcontractor's equipment is fixed.

Deborah Skinner asked how as a community would we stop covenant violations such as moving an old mobile home onto a property. Kristen Barnes answered, at this moment the attorney can assist with a particular situation like that and help the officers or neighbors file an injunction if

we are notified as soon as possible. Other than that, our existing covenants do not give us much enforcement as written. Right now, we need to focus on getting through this revitalization process.

Carol Lane asked if code enforcement is the correct agency to contact for litter issues? Kristen Barnes answered, yes code enforcement is the correct agency to contact for litter issues and also the page of contact numbers was mailed to each owner in March 2023 or November 2023 and can always be found on our community website www.ssvpoa.org under the tab Local services contact information.

Deborah Skinner asked who would be contacted when a contracted trash company such as DO, makes a mess during their trash pick-up that leaves litter to blow from the road into her yard? Kristen Barnes answered, contact DO first and explain the issue. If no change or sufficient response is received from that company, then you can proceed with contacting Marion County Waste Department to inquire what further course of action is possible. If it is a bear getting into a neighbor's trash that is resulting in the mess, then you need to call and report that to FWC for them to come out and investigate.

Jimmy Dionne asked if after revitalization can something be done about the illegal pharmacist that lives in neighborhood. Kristen Barnes answered, after revitalization we will be advised by the attorney about actions and rules the community can adopt to handle that situation.

Kristen Barnes spoke about the possibility of protecting your individual homes with security cameras, posted no trespassing signs so the authorities have a recording of any incidents. The Ring cameras have served my household and neighbors well in the past. The police have been able to use the footage to fully prosecute offenders.

A reminder even though all cross streets are called in weekly by Kristen Barnes if you have a pothole issue right at your address it works best and most owners present agree to call the pothole patching department of Marion County at 352-671-8686 and call in your potholes at your address and remember to call and thank them after they come out. This is the only way a work order is created, and it can be done, stopping the workers while in the neighborhood doing nothing.

Daniel Barnes reviews the Community Incident Report that can be found on the community website at www.ssvpoa.org under the File an Incident Report tab. He stated that we have not collected a large quantity of these documents and therefore for an official like Sheriff Woods it does not reflect this community having an issue. Using this report anytime you contact Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, and Animal Control and filling this out and dropping it off combines our individual instances and voices into a larger community voice on these issues.

Deborah Skinner asked about what could be done regarding the feral cat populations growing and armadillo issues in yards and under houses. Kristen Barnes answered, Marion County Animal Shelter on Baseline has an SNR program for population control of feral cats. We have

community traps and when it is not too cold or hot, they can be set up to trap cats. After a cat is trapped, a volunteer would have to drive them to the shelter on the SNR days and drop trapped ferals off for the free services to contain population growth. Then a volunteer would need to go pick those feral cats, along with our community traps, and release them where they were captured as per the counties' program rules. More information about this can be found on our community website, www.ssvpoa.org, under the tab Marion Cat SNR Program. Contact Kristen Barnes or John Akins to check out a trap and the owner is responsible for a trap until returned to community board officer or member cleaned, please.

Daniel Barnes also answered about the armadillos and gopher turtles are protected by Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) and are the responsibility of the individual owner. If they are just in your yard nothing should be done, if they are burrowing under or around your structures then contact FWC for the process on how to legally take care of that issue.

Carol Lane stated that she uses a product to change the taste of bugs and grass that deters the armadillos from forging in your yard. Link to Lowe's website: [Victor Mole and Gopher Repellent Gopher Repellent in the Animal & Rodent Control department at Lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com/pd/Victor-Mole-and-Gopher-Repellent-Gopher-Repellent-in-the-Animal-&Rodent-Control-department-at-Lowes.com)

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Pierre Julien stated about using the incident report, if incident is not reported then it did not happen. So, use that document for all incidences so they count and can be reported to our community issue(s).

Conduct Vote

Vote for annual election took place during the Secretary Report.

Announcements

Next meeting will be **March 9th, 2024**, 11:00am at the Forest Assembly of God Recreation Room.

All other meetings for 2024 were announced: on Saturdays' **June 8th, September 14th, and December 14th** all at 11:00am at the Forest Assembly of God Recreation Room

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.