

PALM-AIRE COMMUNITIES COUNCIL, INC. MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2024
Palm Aire Country Club

Present were Officers and Representatives:

President: Lesa Hartigan, Links
Vice President: David Brand, Lakeside Woods
Treasurer: Mike Grubbs, Country Lakes
Secretary: Cathe Snyder, Gardens at Palm-Aire

Representatives:

Barbara Robinson, Clubside; Terry Walsh (observer), Conservatory Estates; Frank Scianni, Fairway Six; Kelly Arnold (observer), Karen Vieira (observer) & Cassandra (observer) Fairway Lakes; Lois Cohrt, Golf Pointe; Laurie Lawrence, Misty Oaks; Gayle Schmidt, Pine Trace; Guelda Wooldridge, The Preserves

Absent were:

Avista, Cathy Allen; Broadmoor Pines, Donna Hampton; Marguerite Puca, Club Villas II; Sarasota @ PA, Nick Barbi; Desoto Woods; Jean Pacholek, Eagle Creek Condos; Ray Toothaker, Eagle Creek Villas; Dan Reeves, Fox Point; Greg Martzolf, Palm-Aire Club; Rosewood at the Gardens, Tom Schwartz; Timberlake Village, Julie Jacques; Woodlake Villas, Maryann Mitchell; Woodland Green.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by President, Lesa Hartigan. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 17, 2024, meeting had previously been emailed to all PACC directors.

No changes were suggested. Lesa Hartigan acknowledged motion to approve the minutes was made by Guelda Wooldridge, seconded by David Brand, and approved via voice vote.

FINANCES

Mike Grubbs reported there were \$802.33 expenses to the checking account for: State fees \$61.25, Insurance \$496.08 and taxes on the CD interest \$245. Beginning checking account balance was \$20,213, gaining an interest of .83, in addition to incomes of \$3,488 for Admin Fees/Association Dues (12 members), MTSU reimbursement for lighting \$2,942.50 and payment received for advertising in newsletter \$375. The ending checking account balance is \$26,217.

Finances Continued: CD is \$31,355 giving a combined balance total of \$57,572.

May Activity:

Gain: Admin fees/Association Dues: \$1,696

Expenses:

Spring Newsletter: \$3,300

Zoom Plus for meetings: \$136

MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT (MSTU)

Lesla reported the entrance to Whitfield and University will be completed by the end of the month. The entrance to the Gardens, will begin next week. Annuals will be added for color.

NEWSLETTER

Mike Grubbs reported the invoice we received for the printing of 16 pages, there were only 12 pages printed. The invoice has been corrected and was reduced by \$300. Lesla stated we are researching options of an electronic version for those who are away when the newsletter is distributed.

THE WEBSITE

Lesla reported that Cathy Allen shared we need updated community information including directors. She encouraged directors to view their community on the PACC website to update any information which may be outdated or incomplete.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitfield and University Island

The island has been completed (weeding and replanting of more plants). The country club has increased the irrigation due to the drought. Barbara Robinson asked if the club could speak with the county regarding litter (especially between Timberlake and University). David Brand asked who handles the University Entrance area of Palm-Aire, Lesla said it is the country club's responsibility to maintain that area. Currently, maintenance is only once per week, and David is concerned about fallen palm fronds cluttering the road.

NEW BUSINESS

MTSU COMMITTEE

Introduction of Mike Rahn, Manatee County's new Commissioner. He is aware of the concerns regarding the bike lanes and golf carts. The county is going to add more "Share the Road" signs as well as highlighting the bike line for better visibility. Every community should include information pertaining to "sharing the road" with golf carts, in their community welcome packet.

The 30 MPH speed limit will remain, as long as Palm-Aire is designated a golf course community, MSO has increased due to complaints of speeding. He has suggested speed tables (not bumps) be strategically placed on Whitfield to reduce speeding. A survey will be sent to all residents of Palm-Aire for approval. Also suggested to a continuous double-yellow line on Whitfield instead of passing lanes.

MTSU: There is currently 731k in those funds. Current annual tax revenue (plus interest) is \$185,840. Monies will be coming out of the budget for the well and irrigation on Whitfield, and the redesign of the Garden's island. Barbara stated that since the Whitfield University Island is completed, they will begin working on the remainder of Whitfield updating the landscaping. Also, all landscaping maintenance (75k) is taken out of these funds. Frank Scianni, from Fairway Six, is concerned because 3-4 years ago our funds were around 400k, what are we planning on doing with this surplus. Lesa stated once all of Whitfield is completed, we can re-address the MTSU funds.

The question has been raised whether the MTSU should continue, or transfer the funds to PACC. PACC would still have to go through the county for any community upgrades etc. Through March 2024, our budget allows 75k, for maintenance and includes the fee for the property appraiser. Lesa stated that PACC would like to have input on the quality of vendor's proposals.

Barbara discussed the money that we pay (out of the MTSU account) to the county for taxes, overseeing the money, paying bills, etc. One of the services is one individual (David Hale?) who follows up with each vendor, to ensure the contracted work is being satisfactorily completed.

The entrance to Palm-Aire from Lockwood Ridge, is controlled by the country club. The county maintains the drainage pond.

Lesla is concerned about the blinking 4-stop at Whitfield and Country Club Way. She recommended adding blinking stop signs as well. She has shared with Greg (from P-A CC) to notify golf cart drivers to adhere to the regulations as well. Golf carts are required to stop.

MTSU cont'd:

Lesa asked why the sidewalks are not completed (from Lakeside Woods to Fairway Six), and Commissioner Rahn said this is a question for the country club, as the county is not responsible for the sidewalks by the golf course. Barbara stated that the country club allows pedestrians to use the cart path in this area.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Barbara motioned and David seconded.

The next PACC meeting will be June 19th, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at the Country Club. This is the last meeting until September.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathe Snyder....

