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January Board Meeting Highlights

The January 18, 2021 HOA meeting open started at 7pm via Zoom conference. David established the quorum. All Board members were present. Minutes of the last meeting passed unanimously.

Management Report: \$304,567.05 collected in dues. We are 98% collected. Lifeguard stands were removed. We have six new homeowners. Two will be rental houses.

Items approved via unanimous consent since last meeting: Approved replacement of breaker box; Nuisance dogs issue was reported to the Constables and homeowners who see the dogs loose are to call and report them to the Constables.

2021 Budget passed unanimously.

Pool Management contract (with life guards on weekends and holidays) and Constable contract (2.5% increase over last year) passed unanimously.

Discussion on bids that the board is getting: long list - please see website for further details.

Life Guard Chair/Stand - we are required to have 2 lifeguards on duty but only 1 needs to be in a chair/stand. Need to check and see if wheels lock. This was tabled until next month. Bid cost \$3,900 for 2 chairs. *Tennis Court and Basketball Court Divider:* We have a bid for \$3,950. This was tabled until next month. *Shade the pool Deck:* This was tabled until next month. *Site Furnishings:* Coated outdoor benches at \$790 each. Need 3 in the pool area and 3 on playground. Anthony made motion to approve 6 benches, unanimously approved. Candy said the bench at the tennis court is broken. A 5' movable bench that will be chained down at a cost of \$485 was unanimously approved. *Pool Decking:* Tabled for further discussion. *Fencing around Tennis/Basketball court:* 360 linear feet of chain link fencing with 11 poles at a cost of \$11,200. Unanimously passed. *Tennis/Basketball Court Screens* to be placed on the pool and street side (West and North). Unanimously passed. *Signage:* Repair and Replace the towing sign(s), pool and tennis court signs. Unanimously passed. Bid amount \$750. *Patching surface of play area of tennis/basketball courts:* Unanimously passed. David Leiss mentioned a cost of \$850.

Discussion about the locks: Deadbolts are only supposed to be used in case of power failure. The front door to the clubhouse needs to be card access plus a combo lock for contractors when the door is replaced.

Open Session:

Homeowner 1:

1. French doors should be replaced with ones where both doors can open
2. Has advised the board a few times that there are plumbing issues between the clubhouse and the pool and nothing has been done.
3. Wants to know if the clubhouse can be used with COVID rules.

Homeowner 2:

1. In November, the Election of a Treasurer was tabled until all board members were present. Yet it did not occur during this meeting. Mark made a motion to elect Randy as Treasurer, Anthony seconded and it was unanimously approved.
2. Wanted to know when lifeguard stands were removed. It was reported that they received an email today that they had been removed.
3. In November, two homeowners volunteered to be on the Management Company Review Committee and were told if the Board felt the necessity that they would post a message on the message board. Have not seen anything. David indicated that there was no problem with ACMP so they didn't need a committee.
4. Basketball goals have been in a lowered locked position. Homeowners have complained about it on the message board with zero responses from the Board. Since an extremely low number of homeowners attend the Zoom meetings, someone needs to respond OR there needs to be a bold message on the message board to use the Contact Us button to contact the board and that they won't get a response until the next meeting. David Leiss said they would look into a solution.

Homeowner 3:

Can the announcement of the Zoom meeting be posted on the VW message board several days prior to the meeting? Ransom from ACMP said he sent the Webmaster an email 3 days prior to the meeting to do so but their system was down so it didn't post until today and therefore will not be on the daily digest until tomorrow morning.

Homeowner 4:

1. Most homeowners do not understand that they must be registered on ACMP's website to receive notice of meetings and agendas. Can this be noted on the Village West Website? The BOD is going to look into it.
2. Lighting on the Tennis/Basketball Courts. These lights are still on at 11pm. The BOD is going to check to see if something is wrong with the timer.
3. Tow signs: If you call the tow company, they will replace the sign for free.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM

Most Improved Yard Contest



This year **Village Gardeners** is sponsoring a front yard landscape improvement contest!

All homeowners are eligible.

It runs between January and June 30.

Our partner, **Connie Vallone** of **Park West Real Estate** will award the winner **\$150 cash prize**.

Register so we can document the before/after transformation.

Call, text or email for info or to register:

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Meet Your Neighbors



This month we are introducing **John and Diane Tomlinson**. John and Diane live on the east side of Ella Lee and have been Village West residents since 1995. They both grew up in the Memorial area and although they did not go to the same high school, they knew of each other and had mutual friends. They have been married for over forty years, and started married life in Missouri City, but both wanted to live in Houston.

Diane and John have two beautiful daughters and seven awesome grandchildren. Although COVID has changed the way we all do things, the Tomlinsons spend family time together at the Tomlinson River House located on the San Bernard River. Diane tells us

that although she and John work, they try and find time to meet up with friends, do a little fishing, but she emphasized that, "life now revolves around the grandkids."


John has worked at Coastal Tank and Testing, LLC (previously at the acquired company CTT Petroleum Services) for over 35 years. The company installs, inspects, and removes underground storage tanks and is also involved in the construction of new gas stations. John enjoys fishing and hunting and has numerous trophies to prove his skill,

Diane has always worked in an administrative support role. She is and has been an Executive Assistant for the past 5 years to two of the business unit Presidents for Air Liquide. Some changes due to COVID have been positive, as Diane now works from home. Diane loves to read and prefers reading about historical events and is fascinated with topic of espionage and who done it type of books. She is a self- admitted animal advocate. She has always had pets and is the

owner of **Ellie**, a beautiful biscuit colored Samoyed. John found Ellie seven years ago at an esplanade on Westheimer and quickly picked her up. It seems Ellie original family, from Austin could not keep her. Although Ellie was to have been adopted shortly after John brought her home, that fell through and Diane took it as a sign that she was meant to be part of their family. Ellie reminds most folks of a fluffy bear and she is very friendly and loves to be hugged.



A recent new addition to the Tomlinson home is **Bella**, a lucky stray cat that has found a loving home. Bella is getting acclimated to her new home, but she realizes that Ellie is the alpha pet.

Diane and John love Village West and plan on being part of our community for many more years to come. Diane walks Ellie every morning and evening, so the next time you see them say hello and considering giving Elle a hug. Be warned, you will likely fall in love with Ellie the first time you meet her; Everyone does. 



Food Drive Update



Thanks to the generous donations and time from our Village West neighbors, volunteers, and the Boy Scouts, West Houston Area Ministries (WHAM) was able to assist 100 families over the holidays. There are plans to have another food drive in the spring to continue to help those in need.

Stay Tuned for a Village West Social Event

Several neighbors are working on plans for a Spring Easter community event. Visit our website for more information as it becomes available.

For more details on how to help with the upcoming food drive or social event, please contact **Alicia Wilkes** at aliciab.wickman@gmail.com

