



DATE: Monday, January 15, 2024
TIME: 4:00pm
PLACE: Hampton Inn Suites 8565 Cooper Creek Blvd., Bradenton, 34201

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.
2. **Determination of a Quorum:** A quorum was established with the following board members present; Susan Lerman, Alexander Chizhov, Ed Codelia, Mihaela Dragan, and Stan Solomons.
3. **Confirmation of Proper Meeting Notice:** Meeting notice was confirmed in accordance with FL ST 720 and the association's governing documents.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/26/2023 and 11/10/2023:** **MOTION** made by Alexander, seconded by Edward to approve as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.
5. **President's Report:** See attached.
 - Community Map update: in progress.
 - Board Certification course: scheduled for 4/9/24 (CA Day)
 - Pending quote on Preserve cutbacks. Need long term plan for Brazilian pepper trees removal.
 - Conceptual plans for community room received from architect. More information to follow. This will be an agenda item at the February meeting.
 - Received a recognition award from the Sarasota Garden Club.
6. **Treasurer's Report Financial Statements:** Alexander reported from the November 30, and the December 31st, 2023, Financial Statements. Also available online www.myuniversityplace.com
7. **Secretary's Report: Committee Reports**
 - **Events Committee:** Approve expenditures for Progressive Dinner Event: Not to exceed \$800. **MOTION** made by Alexander, seconded by Edward to approve as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.
 - **Ponds / Landscape Committee:** Review Bids and Approve expenditures for clearing around Honore and Pump Area (to be split with CDD): Not to exceed \$6,000. **MOTION** made by Alexander, seconded by Stan to approve Apex bid as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.
 - **Hanging Baskets Update:** Thank you, resident volunteers! Schedule established. It is approximately \$100 per basket.
 - **New Committee: Security** (more information from Susan and Ed)
 - **New Committee (or subcommittee of Landscaping):** Brazilian Pepper trees to be removed.
8. **Manager's Report:** See attached.
 - Pending items: Mailboxes, Playground Shade Sail, Pool Surface Warranty
 - **Susan Griffiths of FL Friendly on 2/13 at 4:00 Braden River Library.**
9. **Homeowner's Comments**

- Denise commented on the edging rock outside the gates is to be removed. Susan and Sandy commented that they may be helpful for pond erosion.

10. Unfinished Business / New Business:

- **Committee Appointments: MOTION** made by Alexander, seconded by Stan to approve as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.
- **Carriage Run:** The 2024 budgeted expense for landscaping contract is more than the actual 2024 contract. This is due to Blooming's Landscape not taking their 5% per contract increase. Blooming's Landscape held their pricing from 2023 for 2024. This will be tracked on monthly financials and reviewed during the 2025 budget planning.
- **MOTION** made by Alexander, seconded by Edward to approve Apex not to exceed \$24,000. MOTION passed unanimously.

11. Next Meeting Date: Monday February 19, 2024, at 4pm at the Hampton Inn

12. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5pm.