

**Bella Vista Property Owners Association
Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Monday January 12, 2015

Welcome/Call to Order

Ron Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at Riordan Hall. In attendance were Committee members Ron Jones, Chuck Janzen, Bill Puskas, Dan Slimp, Beverly Cannady and Jane Barfield; Staff liaisons Clem Morgan and Vern Olafson; POA liaisons Charlie Teal and Joan Glubczynski; and visitor POA Board member Dave Barfield. Absent: Bill Allen and Tony Byars. Ron introduced our newest Board member, Jane Barfield and said that he has rejoined the Committee for another three years.

Minutes Review and Approval

The November minutes were passed out and were approved.

Election of Officers

Bill Puskas was nominated for Chair. There were no further nominations and he was unanimously elected.

Chuck Janzen was nominated for Vice Chair. There were no further nominations and he was unanimously elected.

Chuck nominated Bill Allen for Secretary. Bill was not in attendance but Chuck said he had talked to him and he is willing to take that responsibility. He was unanimously elected.

Committee Orientation

Charlie Teal handed out and went over the Committee Orientation packet. He added that the Committee should be involved in the 2015 Anniversary events related to recreation. He asked for Committee members current contact information. There was discussion on the circulation of the Minutes and on the format and procedures for preparing "white papers". Minutes are approved the month following and a copy sent to Kathy Ferguson for the POA. A "white paper" sample is included in the Orientation packet. Charlie announced that we have a new Marketing Manager on staff, Ashlee Napier. She will be promoting Bella Vista for retirement as well as working with the Chamber of Commerce and on other marketing activities.

Old Business

Charlie reported that the Branchwood Ad Hoc Committee, composed of representatives from the Recreation Committee, POA Board and Branchwood Neighbors, has had three meetings. They have come up with a list of ideas for repurposing and are looking at costs for these concepts and the timing of implementation.

New Amenities Assignments

Individual committee members volunteered for and were assigned specific recreation areas to monitor as follows:

Bill Allen – Tanyard Creek

Jane Barfield - Metfield

Tony Byars – Blowing Springs and RV Park

Chuck Janzen – Riordan Hall and area facilities

Ron Jones – Branchwood

Bill Puskas – Gun Range

Dan Slimp – Loch Lomond Park and Dog Park, RV storage

Bill Puskas said that the pipes to the showers at Branchwood are exposed to the cold and have to be left dripping to keep them from freezing. He wondered if they couldn't be re-routed. Clem said that they have looked at that and it isn't feasible. The showers were added long after the building and there was no better way to place them.

POA Staff Reports – Vern Olafson

- We have started today on the major repairs/construction to Tanyard Creek, involving a lot of large equipment. The park is closed while this is being done. This is expected to take until the end of February, depending on weather. The rest of the year will be devoted to restoration and planting. We have volunteers from the Garden Club and the Tanyard Creek volunteer group plus the POA maintenance crew for this work. We will be installing an irrigation system using the creek water. Vern said the financing is from a grant and he hopes Tanyard will be included in the master Trail Plan for future grants and budgeting.
- The Granton and London Park signs are ready to go up.
- The Dog Park handicap parking is ready to go as soon as the contractor is available.

POA Staff Reports – Clem Morgan

- Planning on events to tie in with the 2015 Anniversary theme. They hope to do 1-2 small events per month plus the regular annual events. They are also investigating the possibility of a "run" in association with the Rush Running organization. Another event may be a "Dog Days of Summer" for dogs and owners at one of the pools just before the pools close for the season.
- Vern noted that we are planning fishing and shooting tournaments as Anniversary events.
- Chuck Janzen said that he would like to see a multiple-sports event and Clem reiterated that we will be doing as many sports as possible.
- The final Master Trail Plan should be ready to present by Spring.
- Clem passed out annual attendance reports for all the recreational facilities and went over the figures.
- We are getting exercise equipment for Metfield, focusing on cardio at first. The exercise room will not be used for other groups after May and the card room will be converted to a golf snack room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45. The next meeting is 3:00 pm February 9 at Riordan Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Cannady, Secretary