

**Coleson Cluster Association Board Meeting  
October 8, 2015, 1686 Wainwright Drive**

**Board Members in attendance:** Vern Wyly, Lee DeCola, Laura Dalton,

**Treasurer:** Marion Greene

**Minutes:** Laura Dalton

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Vern moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 17, 2015 special meeting to consider inclusion of Moon Bounce at cluster's Oktoberfest. All board members approved.

Marion provided the board with an overview of the cluster's financial status:

- Checking account: \$15,288.31
- Reserve fund: \$49,473.07

Marion reviewed income and top expenses of the month:

- There remains \$8,830 in the tree maintenance fund
- Oktoberfest operated within budget
- Electrical systems were repaired in #9 and #11 carports. We altered plans for the entrance light by replacing the light on the Coleson Cluster sign with a \$30 solar light vs. the more than \$1,000 that an electrical firm had wanted to repair it. The solar option has a good white light however it does not last 100% through the entire night as it dims before sunlight. The board will keep an eye on the light and reconsider possibly buying another longer-lasting light in the months to come.

Vern provided the following updates:

- On Sept. 29, Joe Estrada from Thrive (he did the tree inventory last year) did a walk through with Lee DeCola and Kerri Bundy and will provide a project list for tree maintenance. Work will be done in January. Lee said the board will have time to review project recommendations. When Lee gets a proposal, he will schedule board walk-around.
- Neighborhood Watch report is delayed.

Vern discussed Fairfax County pipe leaks and air conditioning pipe leaks on Coleson Cluster Property. One Fairfax County Water pipe leak was in front of 1684 and was repaired by the county.

A Relac leak was in the entrance area, which impacted the just-repaired roadway, and in an area at the top of the hill in front of 1688. Most repairs have been made and Relac continues at this time to work on repairing the pipe in front of 1688 at the top of the hill.

In other business: Freya DeCola provided information via a document about DRB processes and upcoming changes, i.e. the application form is being revised. One propose change: Board members who

sign applications for cluster homeowners need to inform the entire board of the application but it does not need board approval.

Also, for \$15, Reston Association will supply the cluster with a thumb drive containing all the design standards they have on file for the cluster. Lee moved to approve the expenditure of the thumb drive (and would contact RA about purchasing it) and Vern seconded. The board approved.

Marion presented a request from Kerri Bundy: The board had approved landscaping funds for specific plants but Kerri did further research and would like to spend previously approved funding for:

- \$35 for liriop plants in front of 1608 to fix bare areas.
- \$150 for the stop sign area in the back end of the cluster for hostas, ferns and corabells.
- \$250 for rain gauges and ferns and other vegetation in front of 1682 in the storm drain area.
- Regarding Board concern about the planting of Joe-Pye Weed in the island area, Marion assured the board that the recommended version of the plant would only grow to 40 inches high and would not impede vision for those driving around the island circle.
- Kerri would provide the labor in planting the plants.

Vern moved that the board approve the recommended change in the plants as Kerri expenditures come within the previously approved limit for landscaping expenditures. Lee seconded. The board approved.

In other landscaping news, four of the recently planted rhododendrons installed by Merrifield Garden Center have died. Merrifield will provide 50% credit toward replacements. Kerri would like to do more replacements between the back rows of houses and Lake Anne Elementary School.

Kerri is also contacting several companies about getting estimates for improvements to the drainage ditch behind 1654, 1656 and 1658. She is looking at the use of riprap stone. She is also requesting that the remainder of the landscaping budget be used for a pruning class for any cluster residents who would like to take a session here in the cluster.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm.