



## *Cochran's Crossing Village Association*

Monthly Board Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

January 25, 2022

Members present: JC Harville (president), Lori Riley (vice president), Jim Goldmeyer (treasurer), Cynthia Kessinger (secretary), Shiva Basavanna, Tommy Gober, Lisa Gilmore, Tom Chumbley, Hubert Vaz-Nayak, Stefany Vierra, Jennifer Hogue, and Fernando Mladineo.

Guests: Specialist McKee, Montgomery County Sheriff's office; Dr. Ann Snyder, The Woodlands Township director; Amy Tidwell, The Woodlands Township; Chief Buck, The Woodlands Fire Department; Maris Blair, candidate for Texas State Representative District 15; Patrick, CCVA resident; Erin Mathe, Brent Kirbo, and Pam Owens, Powell Elementary School; Danae Wilker, Kari Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Donna Boney, Leigh Ann Jordan, and Kerri Travis, Galatas Elementary School; Laurie Arita, Merianne Stout, Dana Rupert, Corinne Hebert, David Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President JC Harville. Members present constituted a quorum.

Law Enforcement Report: Specialist McKee presented the report for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. In December, there were 1,166 calls for service in Cochran's Crossing, 10 vehicle accidents, 460 patrol drive-throughs, 12 suspicious person calls and 7 suspicious vehicle calls. There were 25 welfare checks. Arrests totaled 10. There were 190 vacation watch calls in the village. There were 157 traffic stops made in the village and 2 burglaries of a motor vehicle.

A few concerns were brought to the attention of Specialist McKee regarding dangerous driving activity after hours in the circle at Faith Bible Church and the Bear Branch Soccer Fields and in school zones during peak hours, as well as neighborhood parking concerns related to high school students.

The Woodlands Fire Department Quarterly Report: Chief Buck stated that calls for service had increased by over 1800 calls over the last two years, bringing calls to greater than 13,000 in 2021. He reminded everyone to stay safe in keeping warm. He said that if an electric heater glows red, it should be replaced by a ceramic space heater with an anti-trip feature and be sure that the heater has 3 feet of clearance on all sides since it is combustible. He reminded the board that a wood burning fireplace, after burning about 2 cords of wood, needs the chimney swept.

Ashes from the fireplace should be disposed of in metal cans since for 48-72 hours, the hot ashes can still cause a fire. A gas log fireplace should be checked out every 5-10 years.

Chief Buck reported that on January 14, there was a fire caused by electric circuit overload on Rolling Pines in Cochran's Crossing. A member of the household was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. He reminded the board that smoke inhalation is very serious, so exit the home immediately and leave putting out the fire to the fire department.

Chief Buck was asked about capital improvements planned for the fire department. He said that fire station 5 is going to be relocated and retrofits are planned for stations 3 and 4 and for the training center. He expects the improvements to move forward in 2022.

The Woodlands Township Director Report: Dr. Ann Snyder reported that as of January 3, 2022, Monique Sharp was promoted to Interim General Manager. She said Monique joined the staff 30 years ago and has invaluable experience. John Powers retired. Karen Dempsey who joined the staff in 1998 as a member of the management team and Dr. Chris Nunes who joined the staff in 2006 to oversee parks and recreation, have been promoted to Assistant General Managers of The Woodlands Township.

Dr. Snyder announced kayak rental at Lake Paloma in Creekside Park. She also stated that Arbor Day, a 46-year-old event, would be held at Rob Fleming Park at the end of the month. To date, around 1.5 million trees have been given away at Arbor Day.

The board approved the Woodlands Express to transport residents to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo beginning the last weekend in February and first three weekends in March on Friday-Sunday. Reservations are available online and required.

Dr. Snyder reminded the board that February 19 is election day for village associations and RDRC boards with voting from 8AM-6PM at The Woodlands Township building.

Three free covid testing sites remain in The Woodlands and are open from 8AM-5PM. Reservations are encouraged.

Bear Branch Park's inclusive playground will open in April. Additional planned capital projects in Cochran's Crossing include renovation of Cochran's Green Park play equipment, additional Bear Branch Park improvements, pathway maintenance, and Pickleball court construction.

Candidate Introduction: Maris Blair introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative District 15. She is the executive director of the CISD Education Foundation and was previously a teacher. She said she wants to work with everyone and every organization to fill needs and wants and for issue resolution.

Education Committee Teacher Grant Presentation: Cynthia Kessinger presented a PowerPoint presentation to aid in the recognition and description of teacher grant applications. A total of 37 teacher grants were awarded at a total of \$1,500. David Elementary submitted 10 teacher grant applications, Galatas Elementary submitted 25 teacher grant applications, and Powell Elementary

submitted 2 teacher grant applications. All applications received funding. All teachers present explained what the grant funding would be used for. Hubert Vaz-Nayak and Shiva Basavanna announced they would personally make donations to the schools to match the funds provided by the CCVA.

The Woodlands Township Program Specialist Report: Rena Dodd has resigned from The Woodlands Township. Amy Tidwell will be filling in until a replacement for the position has been located. Amy shared dates of upcoming events such as Arbor Day, Muddy Trails, and Touch a Truck, as well as a blood drive at the end of the month. Each board member was sent an email with dates and times of events.

Approval of Minutes: Unanimous approval of November board meeting minutes following a motion made by Tommy Gober and seconded by Lisa Gilmore.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Goldmeyer presented the treasurer's report for December. A check was received this month from Woodlands Green for third place in last year's Water Wise Challenge. Board members were reminded to go online and sign up for this year's challenge. Cash balances of \$21,158.88 remained in the General Fund and \$5,897.80 remained in the Education Fund at the end of December.

#### General Business:

*Resignation of board member:* JC Harville announced the resignation of board member John Lane.

*Education Committee:* Jim Goldmeyer shared that a past recipient of the CCVA scholarship, Cristy Lopez, sent a letter updating the board on her first semester at UT and thanking the board for the scholarship she received.

*Flea Market:* Three board members participated for the CCVA.

*Christmas Lighting:* It was suggested that we put the calendar year on future honorable mention signs when printed. It was also suggested that we put magnetic signs on the cars when group judging the night of the gathering and decorate cars and go out in a carpool.

*Appreciation Dinner:* Lisa Gilmore to get pricing at Uli's Kitchen in Alden Bridge and Jim Goldmeyer to get pricing at Wunsche Brothers in Old Town Spring. Dates discussed were Sunday, February 6, 20, and 27. Planning is for 18-36 people which is the current board with one guest. Lisa will send the information collected to the board for determination of location and to inquire of the interest in attending.

*Election:* JC Harville reminded the board that the election is on February 19 and that our last meeting as the current board will be February 22. There are 12 residents running for RDRC positions and 22 residents running for CCVA positions plus Amy Raper who is running as a write in candidate.

*Resident Concerns:* JC stated he'd received questions from residents regarding expansion of Kuykendahl and reforestation expectations. He has referred the residents to Montgomery County Precinct 3.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by a motion from Jim Goldmeyer with second from Tom Chumbley supported by a unanimous vote.



Next meeting: February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at The Woodlands Township building