

Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners' Association
February 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Fair Oaks Ranch HOA Conference Room, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Carolyn Knopf, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. All board members were present except Jonathan Cluck, who was represented by a proxy. Beki Hutchison attended via conference line.
- II. **GUEST COMMENTS** – An email from resident Steve Hartpence was read concerning his opposition to the proposed purchase of video conferencing equipment.
- III. **PARK ARCHITECT SEARCH UPDATE** – Debra Grandjean provided board members with an update on the search for a Park Architect. She has met with 3 different park architects and all 3 will be submitting proposals within the next week. She has another meeting scheduled with a fourth possible architect and is waiting to hear back from a fifth. Once proposals are all received, she will share them with the park architect committee members so they can narrow down their search. Debra is optimistic that there will be enough information to make a selection by the March board meeting. Mike Saletta asked what type of proposals we are asking for. Debra shared that we are asking each to provide 2 pricing options: 1 for both Boots Gaubatz Park and Vestal Park, and 1 for just Vestal Park. These will include scope of the project, pricing and process. She also shared that she learned a lot of information during the process that would be valuable in the future. The architects all agree that FORHA needs a concept map for the parks vs a comprehensive plan. The concept map process can go as fast or as slow as FORHA wants and will involve community input.
- IV. **CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Consideration to approve spending \$185,00 on the purchase and installation of a large rope play structure in Vestal Park.
 - Motion: Tom Jaster moved to approve spending \$185,000 contingent on reasonable insurance rates for general liability insurance coverage not to exceed a \$2000 annual premium increase associated with adding the equipment to the policy. Frank Chesworth seconded.
 - Discussion: Debra shared a safety study and other safety information on the equipment provided by the manufacturer. In addition, she provided a copy of the warranty and explained the warranty coverage. The company also provides a vandalism repair kit should that become an issue after installation. Debra shared we are waiting to hear from insurance company regarding what increase will be to the premium, but that she will share the information with the board once received.
 - Status: The motion carried with all in favor.
 - B. Consideration to approve spending \$900 on Video Conferencing equipment for the FORHA office.
 - Motion: Ken Nichols moved to approve spending \$900 to buy the video conference system. Mike Saletta seconded.
 - Discussion: Mike Saletta asked that the letter from Mr. Hartpence be re-read. Carolyn Knopf then asked the board members who had used any form of video conferencing equipment before. All members answered that they had. Debra and Carolyn provided information to the board members on how video conferencing could work legally with board meetings in relation to Texas HOA Board Meeting laws. Debra stated that what was needed more than video conferencing equipment is a conference bridge line for teleconferences. Ken replied that FORHA has one and will provide the information to all board members. Carolyn then discussed what she felt were the benefits of the equipment including allowing traveling board members to physically see what is being presented in a meeting. Ken also discussed the comparison chart provided and how the OWL is potentially better than systems like Skype because the OWL moves around the room to capture all activity. Tom Jaster stated that he does not see the practicality of having this for what the FORHA board does. Mike Saletta stated that he feels all of these capabilities can still be achieved using free services or low cost monthly plans. Beki Hutchison stated she has a concern with the equipment becoming obsolete very quickly. She asked if since the technology is relatively new, is it backed by a “tried and true” company or a new start-up. Ken and Carolyn both provided information that the manufacturer has made the software upgradable over wifi

which is better than most other options on the market. Tom, Debra, Cathy and Mike all expressed objections that they do not see the necessity or business need for this equipment.

- Status: Ken Nichols and Carolyn Knopf voted in favor and all others were opposed. The motion failed.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Carolyn Knopf and Debra Grandjean will send a letter to Mr. Hartpence thanking him for providing inp on the video conference equipment and making him aware of the outcome.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cathy Ploszaj, Secretary

Prepared by:



Stacy Lange, Assistant Office Manager