Sun City PRIDES, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 4, 2023

Directors Present:

John Terko, President Val Bedoe, Vice-President Linda Liang, Treasurer Rosie Swain, Secretary

Russ Hodgdon Molly Soblewski

Excused: Cindy Hintze, Stan Pastorek

Meeting was called to order at 9:58 a.m. by President John Terko.

Art Avina, Northwest Field Supervisor for MCDOT, sat with the Board for a few minutes to reaffirm what he had said at the Membership meeting about working with the PRIDES.

Ronn Enzweiler spoke about Arbor Day 2024. At Ronn's request, Val moved to approve the purchase of ten (10) signs to be placed near the new trees. Russ seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Summer Winds Nursery guarantees their trees and will replace the ones that died over the summer. Ronn will be ordering six (6) new trees for 2024. Val moved to approve up to \$1,500.00 for the purchase of trees for Arbor Day 2024. Molly seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ronn proposed to remove the forty-two palm trees along Alabama from 99th to 111th. No action was taken at this time. Two benches at Memorial Park (dedicated in the names of John Hemphill and Roger Folven) are rusted and dangerous. Ronn will explore replacement possibilities.

Minutes:

Molly moved to accept the minutes of the May and September Board meetings. Russ seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financial Update:

The annual 990 IRS form is complicated and should be completed by an accountant, rather than the Treasurer. Val moved that the treasurer contact an accountant to complete the 990 form in 2024. Molly seconded the motion, and the motion carried. A copy of the Treasurer's report for October is attached.

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Organize & prioritize Board work from September meeting:

Flagpole:

John suggested that, rather than purchase a new flagpole, we replace the existing rope and fixtures with new rope (with internal wire) and fixtures. The Fire Department has volunteered to install them. Val moved that John obtain new rope and fixtures for our existing flagpole. Molly seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Garage Door:

Decals for the garage door will be put on next week, now that the weather is cooler.

Potential Golf Carts from Sun City West: No action taken.

Elections:

Three current members whose terms are expiring have agreed to run for reelection. A fourth candidate has expressed a desire to run for the Board. Molly moved to increase the number of Board members to nine (9) at the next election. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

New Van:

Gas-powered vans are no longer being made. John has researched an electric van from Ford. We would need to install a 220-volt power station at the garage. Topic tabled until December meeting.

Inventory of tools and equipment needs to be updated.

Linda moved that Russ Hodgden be appointed Chair of the Beautification Committee. Molly seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next meeting: December 2, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rosie Swain