

Board of Directors Actions – August 19, 2023

There were 9 Board members in attendance at the August 19, 2023, business meeting (two via Zoom/virtual). The meeting was held live/in person at the Sunriver Homeowners Association Administrative Office and was available for viewing via internet broadcast on YouTube.

At its regular monthly meeting, the SROA Board of Directors took the following actions:

FINANCIAL

- The Board received the monthly Financial report for the month of July 2023.
- The Board approved the July 2023 unaudited financials.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

- The Board acknowledged the resignation of Larry Ishmael from the Board of Directors.
- The Board approved the appointments of Jim Gamble and Steve Pearson as members of the Covenants Committee.
- The Board appointed the following individuals as members of the Strategic Plan Task Force: Eric Nelson, Betsey Nelson, Pam Hays, Phil may, Lenna Kimball, Stefani Shanberg, Tom Hardesty, Daniel Kress, Jill Stephens, Susan Jain, Ken Provencher, Rich Phelan, Heidi Hanson, John Gifford, Amanda Enstrom, John Salzer, Mike Mitchell, Corey Roy, Don Nolte, Josh Willis, Denease Schiffman, SR Police and Fire – TBD, Board Liaisons – Bill Burke, Scott Gillies, Keith Mobley, Tony DeAlicante.

NON-FINANCIAL

- Approved minutes from the July 14, 2023, Work Session and July 15, 2023, Business Meeting.
- The Board received the monthly General Manager’s report for SROA Departments for the month of July 2023.
- The Board received the monthly committee/liaison reports for the month of July 2023.
- The Board received the Sunriver Service District report for July 2023.
- The Board approved the creation of the Strategic Plan Task Force.
- The Board certified the 2023 SROA election results for three Board positions:
 - Re-elected Bill Burke
 - Re-elected Scott Gillies
 - Re-elected Clark Pederson

- The Board approved modifications to the SROA Handbook – employee policies – to implement the State of Oregon Paid Leave Oregon Plan.
- The Board approved Resolution 2023-005 retracting Resolution 2023-004 and now recommending to the Deschutes County Commissioners that Gerhard Beenen be appointed to Position 2 of the Sunriver Service District Board of Directors for a term of service from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was held during the Friday, August 18th work session to discuss litigation. No executive session was held during the Saturday, August 19th Board Meeting.

OWNERS FORUM - Five owners spoke at the Friday (18th) work session and three letters were read into record; five owners spoke at the Saturday (19th) business meeting and three letters were read into record. A summary (not verbatim quotes) of the comments and issues addressed are as follows:

PRIOR COMMENTS READ INTO MEETING RECORD (SUMMARIZED):

FRIDAY, August 18th:

Marcia Blasen, 8 Lookout Lane: Wrote in support of SHARC staff and difficult messaging that is conveyed when facilities are closed for smoke and visitors take it out on the staff.

Joanne Beck, 9 Big Sky Lane: Submitted comments asking for Director Ishmael to resign from the Board and questioned steps owners can take in this regard.

Mary Anne Gard, 24 Gannet Lane: Commented on the SROA Board election and the controversial email that was sent the using the SROA logo. She referred to the comments made by candidate Bob Tiernan on a local news broadcast.

SATURDAY, August 19th:

Jim Montroy, 12 Rogue: He expressed appreciation to the Board, volunteers and staff regarding an email sent out to owners regarding the SROA Board election. He stated that a Board member who was involved is no longer trusted.

Nanci Tangeman, Unit 21 Mountain View Lodges: She wrote with a request for Director Ishmael to resign. She noted the time and expense for a recall vote. She asked that potential cuts from the budget be identified to allow the recall vote and which items Director Ishmael would cut to fund such.

Thomas Kelly, 7 Forest Lane: He stated that the use of the SROA logo and address on an email concerning the SROA Board election should result in the resignation or removal of any Board member involved in such.

IN PERSON SPEAKERS – SUMMARIZED

FRIDAY, August 18th:

Tom Wimberly, 12 Pine Bough Lane: Mr. Wimberly spoke about the need for indoor tennis courts for the winter because the Sunriver Resort has converted all of their indoor courts to pickleball (this is a follow-up to comments he made two meetings ago). He conducted a survey of the Sunriver tennis club and provided some statistics on the results indicating a desire for indoor courts. He also provided information about the various types of covers that could be used for existing SROA courts.

Phil Angelides, 10 Pine Bough Lane: Comments were similar to those of Mr. Wimberly (support for indoor tennis during the winter) who spoke just before him. He discussed the legacy of Sunriver being a tennis community and that tennis is important for multiple physical and mental health reasons. He provided specific costs for various types of court covers. He suggested that funds planned for new or refurbished courts could be diverted for a cover.

Wendy Ferguson, 3 Jackpine Lane: Comments on two different issues. First were comments about the need for additional pathways in the Meadow Village area to prevent the dangerous situation of residents needing to walk or bike on the roadway to get to the pathway system. She suggested some signs to let motorists know that they are sharing the roadway with bikes/pedestrians. Secondly, she commented that a second (or more) gate into the pickleball court fences should be installed in case of an emergency egress being necessary.

Paul Conte, 8 McKenzie Lane: Stated that he would be submitting a petition for a ballot initiative at the Saturday Board business meeting regarding the Design Manual rules for plant protections. He stated that the initiative included three principles for consideration regarding any rules for plant protections. He also stated that he disagrees with the current direction that the Design Committee is headed in this regard.

Stephen Aloia, 5 Redwood Lane: Mr. Aloia echoed previous comments regarding the need for indoor tennis facilities during the winter months.

SATURDAY, August 19th.

(IN PERSON SPEAKERS - SUMMARIZED)

Paul Conte, 8 Mackenzie Lane: Mr. Conte spoke on two issues. First, he spoke about being disturbed by some Board members desire to initiate a recall of Director Ishmael. He believes that any recall efforts of Board members are the duty of the owners and not just the Board. He believes that the Board initiating this would be divisive to the community. Secondly, he submitted a written ballot initiative regarding specific requirements for plant protections to be included in the SROA Design Manual (as he referenced during his comments at the Friday/18th Board work session).

Gwen Gamble, 34 Evergreen Loop: She thanked the General Manager and the Board for the handling of the difficult issues about an erroneous email related to the SROA Board election. She also appreciated the Board support on a personal verbal attack against her by a Board member at a previous meeting.

Randy Schneider, 6 Dixie Mountain Lane: He appreciated the resignation of Director Ishmael earlier in the meeting. Based on that resignation, he stated that he was unsure about supporting further investigation into the issue.

Bob Stillson, 10 Belknap Lane: He spoke on two issues. First, he discussed the email/Board election issue - he stated his support to pursue an investigation prior to initiating any recall action against a Board member as it would provide more clarity as to the correct action. He further stated that he is not sure that it needs to be done now that Director Ishmael has resigned from the Board. Secondly, he discussed how Sunriver governance is a good example of democracy. He stated that the SROA mission statement should serve as a guide to actions. He noted that the SROA Board does a very good job vetting all aspects of an issue in their decision-making process. He stated that the three re-elected Board members had done a good job on all issues in their first three years.

Kathy Brown, 9 Quelah Lane (virtually): Her comments were in support of those by Mr. Conte earlier in the meeting and served as the second owner necessary for submitting the petition for ballot initiative.

PC: Board Members
Committee Chairs
Department Heads & SSD Chiefs
Sunriver Service District Board Chair