## SUNRIVER OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SROA BOARD ROOM OCTOBER 21, 2023

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Gerhard Beenen, Clark Pederson, Scott Gillies, Bill Burke, Keith Mobley Tony De Alicante & Linda Beard

## DIRECTOR PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Julianna Hayes

STAFF: James Lewis, Susan Berger & Leigh Anne Dennis

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

### **NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 4**

#### **OWNERS FORUM:**

Jeff Mingus, 3 Gray Birch Lane and Mike Shears, 1 Gray Birch Lane spoke together about the low level of the ponds on Sunriver Resort's Woodlands golf course. They are frustrated with the lack of response they have received from the Resort and the water company and are hopeful that SROA might be able to assist them in finding a resolution.

Bob Stillson, 10 Belknap Lane spoke about his experience and appreciation for the Members Pool. The addition of another lap lane has really helped and has been well received. Mr. Stillson also offered some comments on the proposed dog park, noting he listened to the Town Hall on the project. He thought staff did a great job of answering the variety of questions although he is curious about what the upkeep and maintenance will cost.

## **OWNER FORUM FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MONTH**

Vice President Burke noted that staff followed up Greg Knakal, 1 Flattop Lane on his firewood concerns. President Beenen followed up with Debbie Wightman, 3 Conifer on her pathway concerns.

President Beenen has been in touch with Paul Conte, 8 McKenzie Lane regarding his input from last month and requested that any correspondence received from Mr. Conte go directly to him for response.

Vice President Bill Burke recapped the responses to the input received at the Annual Meeting and held discussion on how to best handle follow-up from that meeting going forward.

## RECAP OF 10/20/23 BOARD WORK SESSION

President Beenen reported that Fire Chief Bill Boos was in attendance and shared a bit of his background and an update on what's happening at the Fire Station. Controller Joe Healy and GM Lewis provided an update on the progress of the 2024 budget. There are two more Finance Committee meetings scheduled prior to the committee voting on moving the budget forward to the Board.

Assistant GM Kessaris provided an update on recreation statistics. GM Lewis and Assistant GM Kessaris provided an update on the progress of the Strategic Plan 2030 task force. President Beenen and GM Lewis provided an update on the Transient Room Tax task forces efforts. Next steps are to meet with the County Sheriff and then to get on the agenda for a Deschutes County Commissioners work session. The Board held a brief discussion on the Comprehensive Owner Survey that will be conducted in the first quarter of

2024. Director De Alicante brought up a suggestion relative to having ring cameras installed on all homes in Sunriver to assist the police department. The Board held an executive session for the purpose of legal training.

# BOARD ACTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Director Murray moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2023, board work session minutes as <u>corrected.</u> Seconded by Director Burke, motion passed unanimously.

Director Pederson moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2023, board meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Director Burke, motion passed unanimously.

#### BOARD ACTION FINANCIALS

Treasurer Pederson referred to the key data sheet noting we finished September with a surplus of \$11,489 and the variance to budget being \$13k. On the operating revenue side, the variance of \$20,889 was largely due to higher interest earned over expectations, two months of SSD fuel expense as a new card reader was installed last month and some issues had to be resolved with that system, and the new fees instituted in June for design review projects.

On the expense side, summer retention bonuses in the amount of \$13k were paid out to those recreation employees who stayed until mid-September and approximately \$25k in past billings from the Sunriver Nature Center arrived. SNCO had not billed SROA for five months. On the positive side, SROA did receive payment of a fine in the amount of \$20k, which included reimbursement of legal fees, and which helped to bring that variance down to \$34k. Total operating revenue/expenses year-to-date were \$254,774 to the good against a budget of a negative \$24k. Year to date we have a positive variance of \$279,886 and Treasurer Pederson anticipates we will end the year with an approximate \$100k positive variance against a budgeted deficit of \$108k resulting in approximately \$208k to the positive.

On the non-operating side, earned income from interest is higher than we anticipated. Total non-operating revenue/expenses year-to-date totaled \$1,767,036 against a budget of \$1,114,811 a savings of \$608,225. Again, a significant portion of that, \$270k, is attributable to earned income from interest being higher than anticipated coupled with \$140k in savings due to open positions earlier in the year.

Treasurer Pederson reported there was nothing significant to report on the cash/investments balances since last month. The Association has more cash than last year by \$1.7 million and average income on cash is currently at 5.13% against a budgeted amount of 3.5%. Mr. Pederson also noted that the Finance Committee is considering a proposal that will most likely come to the Board in December regarding longer-term investments. Currently the SROA Controller and the Finance Committee cannot invest for longer than two years. As the committee is well aware that interest rates will decrease at some point, they feel it would be prudent to allow for a set amount to be invested in two to five-year investments.

Treasurer Pederson also commented that the Full Reserve Study that was done this past summer will be available at the December board work session.

For the month ended September 30, 2023, there was a net operating surplus of \$11,489 which was \$13,343 worse than the budget. Total operating revenue was over budget by \$20,889. Design review fees and interest income were both over their respective budgets for the month. Salaries and burden were over budget by a combined \$18,286. Summer stay/retention bonuses were paid to part-time recreation staff in September. Legal fees were under budget by \$20,121 due to a reimbursement from the Sunriver Service

District for fees associated with the sale of the building and the new ground lease.

Through the first nine months of 2023, there wea a net operating surplus of \$254,774 which was \$279,386 better than budget. Operating revenues were over budget by \$94,386 mainly due to a Caldera expansion payment, interest income, and positive variances in design review and park reservations. These positive variances were partially offset by shortfalls in special programs, gate admissions, and event space rental. Year-to-date Member Preference Program and Recreation Plus Program (RPP) revenues are at 100.7% and 100.1% of their respective annual goals. Salaries and burden were under budget by a combined \$140,864 due to open f/t and p/t positions in the first half of the year. \$517,909 has been earned in interest income year-to-date in the operating and reserve accounts. As of September 30, 2023, there was a combined operating and non-operating surplus of \$1,767,036 which was \$608,225 better than budget.

Total assets as of September 30, 2023, were \$37,023,956. Cash and investments totaled \$15,534,921, a decrease of \$655,415 from August. As of the end of September there was \$15,496,085 invested in FIW money market funds and US Treasuries with durations between 90-day and two years and a yield of 5.13%. Receivables for owner's fees (maintenance fund, storage space, fines) and RPP payment plans were \$125,552. There is \$90,000 in reserve for uncollectible accounts against owners' receivables. Fixed assets and reserve items placed into service in the third quarter include the Mary McCallum Park project, exterior painting of SHARC, domain server controller and fiber distribution units.

September 30, 2023 (Year to Date Un	naudited)
	ACTUAL
TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,303,773
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,048,999
OPERATING FUND SURPLUS	\$ 254,774

<u>Director Pederson moved approval of the unaudited financial statements for the month ending September</u> <u>30, 2023.</u> Seconded by Director Mobley, motion passed unanimously.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

GM Lewis reported his recap for activities in September.

GM Lewis continues to participate in the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Board of Directors meetings as the Tourism and Recreation representative. This will continue to be a monthly on-going participation through end of term of December 31, 2024.

Continues to attend Sunriver/La Pine Economic Development (SLED) Board regarding coordination with south county economic development efforts. This will continue to be a monthly on-going participation.

GM Lewis worked with SROA collections legal counsel regarding owner non-payment of fees/fines, as well as proceeding with on-going legal actions for collections according to the SROA financial policies.

GM Lewis discussed multiple issues with SROA legal counsel including Transient Room Tax funds, SROA election/email issues, and an HR issue.

GM Lewis continues to participate in ongoing/regular meetings with TDS staff regarding the physical construction and eventual migration of owners to fiber to the home and their SROA account. Monthly update meetings are still being held with TDS staff.

GM Lewis participated in an on-going Newberry Partnership Strategic Action Plan for south Deschutes County.

GM Lewis continues to hold monthly meetings with the Fire and Police Department chiefs.

GM Lewis continues to attend and participate in the regular monthly meetings of the Owner Enrichment, Finance, and Covenants committees, the Dog Park Task Force, Admissions Model Workgroup and Design Committee as necessary.

GM Lewis has been working with all department heads on the 2024 budget.

GM Lewis followed up with the architects contacted to discuss future remodeling at the SROA Administration building and at SHARC.

GM Lewis assisted in conducting the first Strategic Plan 2030 Task Force meeting.

In the Accounting Department, Controller Healy prepared the unaudited financials for the period ending August 31, 2023.

Accounting staff continues to work with the Sunriver Service District on transitioning their HR and accounting needs away from SROA.

Controller Healy reviewed the draft of the full reserve study and worked with the specialist on changes.

Controller Healy developed the first draft of the 2024 operating and reserve budgets which were then reviewed with the GM and several adjustments were made with department heads.

Accounting staff continue to work with the SROA collection attorney on several files that have gone to collections.

In IT, staff will replace the switch/firewall towards the end of October.

The kickoff meeting for GIS is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>.

All fiber optic cables in the IT Admin Demarc, and SHARC server room have been labeled.

A 5GB circuit was brought into Admin as part of the courtesy agreement with TDS.

IT/GIS employee Gabe Rice recently started a six-week GIS Spatial Data Science course.

The penetration test equipment has been installed and tests conducted.

The second round of staff awareness training has been rolled out.

A digital SROA citation notification database has been created to replace paper citations.

The vehicle database interface has been updated.

All fuel system cards have been loaded into the new interface. IT staff reviewed Jonas software for the new recreation functionality. IT staff prepared comparison reports of July and August of 2022 and 2023 for gate swipes at Mary McCallum park.

At SHARC IT staff replaced some misfunctioning monitors, updated the phone script to reflect winter hours and replaced the emergency phone in the indoor pool area.

In the Communications Department, Scene advertising was at \$17,729 (September 2022 was \$24,000, due to a couple of advertisers who chose to pay for the entire year at once.)

There were 190 reads of the online September Scene including readers from Canada, Ireland, and Switzerland.

The SROA websites most popular pages in September were member preference program, calendar, and tree flagging.

The SHARC websites most popular pages were recreation swim, calendar, and plan your visit. .

September eblasts included information about fall roadwork, Uncorked, pool maintenance, and the October Sip, Sip, Soiree event. election results, ticketed concert, pickleball tournament and Uncorked.

Social media projects promoted the Uncorked and Tuesday swim special at SHARC.

Scene staff special projects included marketing for the new Sip, Sip, Soiree events on social media, the website and in print. Design work on the new map that will be part of the replacements for the pathway kiosks is moving along nicely thanks to employee Shae Callewaert's efforts.

Communications Director Susan Berger is working on the 2024 Communications Department budget.

Ms. Berger is again working remotely while her husband is home after 74 days in the hospital. He will return to St. Charles for rehab once cleared by the doctors to put weight on the pelvis and start walking again.

The Community Development Department reports the Design Committee meetings continue to occur on a regular schedule with multiple items on each agenda – the two September meetings had a total of seven items combined –4 and 3).

There are currently approximately 325 active projects/building permits (up by 32 from the previous month of August.)

The number of applications submitted in September was down from the same month in 2022 - from 105 in 2022 to 97 in 2023.

Community Development staff continued issuing compliance letters for design and rule violations.

Community Development staff participated in Magistrate Hearings for background on violations and citations.

Community Development staff continues modifying the new application forms and informational handouts as necessary.

Community Development staff continue to provide updates to the Design Committee on the procedural elements in the new Design Manual of Rules & Procedures and how staff conveys those to owners.

The Natural Resources (NR) staff prepared and mailed ladder fuels reduction third violation letters.

NR staff performed annual fall ladder fuels reduction inspections of private properties (south end).

Ladder fuels reduction and tree thinning continued on commons.

NR staff performed site visits regarding tree removal requests on private property.

NR staff continued to pull noxious weeds on commons.

NR Director Patti Gentiluomo and staff prepared their 2024 budget.

NR staff participated in numerous Magistrate hearings on ladder fuels reduction violations.

Public Works (PW) Director Mark Smith met with owners in the Winners Circle area to discuss possible amenities to replace the tennis courts that were removed from that location a few years back.

Ongoing daily trash rounds, restroom cleaning, sport court prep and maintenance continued throughout the month of September.

PW staff prepared all courts for fall tennis and pickleball tournaments.

PW staff lead managed all landscaping contractors for SROA.

Oregon Loop Lane and part of Beaver Drive will receive a full road rebuild in October. PW staff removed all brush, trimmed trees, and removed site markers from edge of selected roadways.

PW staff blocked off an area people are accessing the Deschutes River near Golden Eagle Lane.

In Fleet Services, the annual servicing of the heavy plow equipment is complete. A new shop truck has been received and the old one is being prepared for sale. The parts room inventory has been updated.

PW Facilities/Aquatics staff worked with/oversaw Anderson Pool Works repair of a seam under warranty that completely failed. This required draining, filling, and balancing chemicals for the indoor pool.

Tile was cleaned and several other small items were addressed while the indoor pool was empty.

The failed boiler circulation pump has been repaired without affecting operations.

At the site of the new Public Works building, site preparation for the project was all accomplished by our PW staff. This included relocating most utilities for the PW building. The only remaining one is the electrical to be accomplished by Midstate Electric.

The sitework required three to five PW staff to focus on this project for over a month. The next phase is now with the contractor and PW staff will be involved again in later phases of the project.

PW Director Mark Smith is interviewing for open positions in his department which has been shortstaffed for several months. One of our newer PW employees has started their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training and Aqua tech Chris has passed his backflow testing certification allowing us to complete the annual test for 20+ backflow devices in-house saving the Association money.

The Recreation Department reports 7,236 Member Preference Program (MPP) memberships have been sold in 2023 and 914 homes/condos are currently participating in the Recreation Plus Program (RPP) which is 10 less than the same time in 2022.

There were a total of 12,410 visitors to SHARC in the month of September versus 11,801 in September of 2022.

The Member Pool had a total of 365 visitors in September compared to 1,738 in September of 2022.

We had two smoke days and some very unseasonably cold temperatures over the Labor Day Weekend which affected the attendance at both locations on an otherwise busy holiday weekend.

The Sunriver Slam Pickleball Tournament was enormously successful with many compliments being received. Participants are already looking forward to next year.

The Team Cup Tennis Tournament comprised of 300 players presented itself with some challenges due to the tournament director overbooking capacity and failing to secure a location for an after party.

The Uncorked event was successful in the new lounge area although some food vendors are starting to not want to commute to Sunriver.

A new Sip, Sip, Soiree event will be held at SHARC in October, November, and December. These events will pair wine and food and include a musician. Limited to a maximum of 60 people per event.

Member Pool operations concluded on September 28<sup>th</sup> and the outdoor pool at SHARC closed for the season on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Copies of the minutes received from committees that met last month were included in the Board binders.

Director Burke as former liaison to the Owner Enrichment Committee (OEC) inquired about the annual report the OEC is required to provide to the Board each year. New liaison to the committee, Director Beard reported that report was not discussed at the one meeting she attended. She further commented that there are only two members on the committee besides herself. This was interesting news to the Board given the current roster for the committee reflects eight members plus the liaison.

Director Beard commented that they discussed the daffodil sale, which once again was a great success, and agreed the committee should go back to meeting every month instead of every other month. The committee is also looking for extra non-committee volunteers to help with some of the bigger events the committee supports such as Uncorked, the Ticketed Concert, etc.

## SUNRIVER SERVICE DISTRICT (SSD) REPORT

Director De Alicante reported the audit for the district is complete and they received a clean report.

The new Public Safety building is moving along nicely. They have almost all the walls up and expect to

have dry-in conditions in the next couple of months which will allow them to continue work on the interior of the building during the winter months. The project is still running on time and on budget.

Police Chief Womer attended his last official meeting in October. He may attend the November meeting via Zoom, however incoming Chief Stephen Lopez will represent the Police Department moving forward. The Police department presented the SSD Managing Board with a proposal to move the police lieutenant position to a captain position so that it is an executive position that gets better executive position oversight and some additional training. It would not change the current salary. Chief select Lopez also talked about the need for a gun range for the Sunriver officers that is closer than what is currently available to them. They would like to possibly use the site the fire department currently utilizes for training but that will require further exploration.

The SSD Managing Board held their officer elections at their meeting yesterday and the Managing Board will hold a board training session on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes from the July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> meetings were included in the board binders.

## BOARD ACTION COMMITTEE/TASKFORCE APPOINTMENTS

Director Burke moved approval of the appointments of Kelly Wilson and Laureen Anderson to the Nominating Committee and of Mark Feirer, Corey Wright, Scott Gillies, Bill Burke, Julianna Hayes, Clark Pederson, Keith Kessaris and James Lewis to the Comprehensive Owner Survey Task Force. Seconded by Director Murray, motion passed unanimously.

Director De Alicante moved to dismiss Director Burke as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee and appoint Director Murray to the same position. Seconded by Director Mobley, motion passed unanimously.

Director De Alicante moved to amend the motion to change "vice chair of the Finance Committee" to "Assistant Treasurer of the Association." Seconded by Director Mobley, motion passed unanimously.

Call for the question on the amended motion: Amended motion passed unanimously.

# BOARD ACTION 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER CAPITAL TRANSFER

Director Pederson moved approval of the transfer of \$222,193.98 from the Regular Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund and the transfer of \$157,113.00 from the SHARC Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund for the 2023 Third Quarter Acquisitions. Seconded by Director Beard, motion passed unanimously.

# BOARD ACTION 2024 FEES FOR SERVICES

Director Murray moved approval of the Fees for Services including the updated language as submitted by staff for the 2024 calendar year for SROA provided goods and services. Seconded by Director Burke, motion passed unanimously.

#### BOARD ACTION DESIGN COMMITTEE TREE PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

President Beenen reminded the Board that this was a motion tabled at the request of Director Beard at the September meeting to allow her the opportunity to do some further research into the issue. Director Beard reported she visited Bend Pine Nursery as well as two other major nurseries in Bend and

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did some research at the University extension service about deer browsing. As she has mentioned before, she has extensive experience with gardening and with deer. Director Beard noted she does not dislike deer, she just does not want them browsing on her property. She also noted she continues to have good luck using her Ring doorbell voice feature to startle and scare the deer away!

That said, she does not like the way the proposed rule is currently written, especially regarding the height limit on tree enclosures. A deer has an extension of five to six feet, so she feels the height limit of the enclosures should be increased. Additionally, she does not agree with the limitation of only five trees that can be protected. Director Beard's house is built across three lots, and she has planted 19 trees, nine of which are deciduous and which the deer especially love. She has not placed any type of enclosure around those trees yet as she is generally around and goes out and shoos the deer away but if she does decide to protect them she would not be able to protect all of her trees the way the rule is currently written.

In relation to shrubs, Director Beard is torn. She has endeavored to plant shrubs that deer don't enjoy although they do usually have to have a test bite. She is also torn on the issue of wildflower protection.

Director Beard noted she has had numerous conversations with Paul Conte, 8 McKenzie Lane regarding his concerns about tree/plant protection and in fact she has been receiving daily emails from Mr. Conte regarding this issue. Ms. Beard also noted that it is not just Mr. Conte who feels strongly about protecting wildflowers, she commented she has read letters from other owners who are also concerned about protecting wildflowers that would grow native here. Ms. Beard also noted that when the deer are hungry, they will eat just about anything. Director Beard feels the way the rule is currently written is too restrictive.

Director Beard noted she has visited Mr. Conte's property and feels it is a complete abomination personally. The way everything is out and covered was kind of shocking to her as a fellow gardener and she feels there has to be a happy medium rather than making rules that staff is then required to enforce and that owners may not feel are reasonable.

Director Beard moved to un-table the motion from September to allow for discussion with fellow board members. Seconded by Director Pederson, motion passed unanimously.

The un-tabled motion is as follows:

Move to approve the recommendations from the SROA Design Committee, submitted on Friday, September 15, 2023, and attached hereto, to replace Section 3.18, 2f of the Design Manual of Rules and Procedures.

Director Beard, in response to a question from Director Pederson, commented that the people at Bend Pine Nursery were very helpful. People have choices as to the height of tree they want to purchase and the taller the tree, the higher the price with a decent sized tree running approximately \$500 and going up into the \$1000's. As such, Director Beard is concerned that owners who have more than five trees could lose significant investments on their property. This would be especially disappointing to someone building a new home including a landscape plan that includes the planting of more than five trees.

Director Beard commented that she has been coming to Sunriver since the 1970's and back then it was pretty much all pine trees with a few aspens. With the addition of homes, people have added maple, aspens, chokecherry, dogwoods, etc. Some of these trees have a life span of 25-30 years and as those trees do naturally die off what will replace them if the Association has such strict restrictions in place that owners aren't incentivized to continue to plant a variety of trees and provide the same aesthetics as we currently enjoy. Director Beard also pointed out the deer saliva, when it hits a plant enough times is

actually toxic to the plant and can kill it. She further commented that while a product like Liquid Fence is effective, it's smells really bad and has to be reapplied every ten days or so. Director Beard does not know the answer but hopes a middle ground can be found that will generally satisfy most everyone.

Director De Alicante noted his understanding of this issue is that the Board is looking at tree protections and not plant protections. There is already what he believes is reasonable plant protection language in the manual that the Board reviewed, deliberated, received comments about, and ultimately approved. When the tree protection issue was identified and brought to the Board's attention, they sent it back to the Design Committee for further study and recommendations. What came back from the committee was not only for trees but other plants as well. The Board had not asked for other plants since there are already provisions in the manual that provide for that. Director De Alicante is opposed to seeing the other plant protections that the Board did not ask for comments on and they should just stick to tree protections.

Director Gillies commented that we did not have any plant protections in the Design manual, we had "no fences", which was originally voted on so there was no fencing, period, and no protection for plants or trees. The Design Committee was then instructed by the Board to revisit the subject of tree protection. While the committee did not bring up plant protection, it has since been brought up by a number of people. The question in his mind is does the Board now follow what the Design Committee provided as recommendations for tree protection or not?

Director Gillies also pointed out that this is a really hard issue. Who makes the defining call on what is a tree and what is a bush? People may be inclined to call a bush a tree in the interest of protecting it. The difference between the two should be clearly defined. There are a lot of personal opinions involved in this issue and it is not an easy fix. There has to be compromise or this will go on indefinitely.

President Beenen responded that he believes there are three options. The Board can vote on the proposal that was tabled last month, amend the motion that was tabled last month, or send the issue back to the Design Committee again with the explanation that there are additional parameters the Board needs additional guidance on as what was provided is not complete enough.

Director Beard requested that reconsideration also be given to the four-year time limit on the tree protections.

Director Pederson commented that while we love a little bit of color in Sunriver that's not exactly natural in a pine forest, it's that balance between the people that buy into Sunriver because of their love of nature and as he drives around and sees fences his eye is naturally drawn away from nature to a metal fence. Part of the issue is about how many, for how long, how wide, how tall. It's balancing the desire of our owners to see nature and not fences. Director Pederson feels it is not unreasonable to have standards and limitations and he believes the majority of owners will appreciate that there are limitations.

In addressing the number of allowable tree enclosures, Director Pederson pointed out that in the section of the rule that addresses the allowable number of tree enclosures, the second sentence of that section notes that properties submitting a new/amended landscape plant may be allowed to have more than five barriers for a specific timeframe, upon Design Committee approval of the proposed landscape plan. So, there is an exception available already built into the plan that owners can avail themselves to if necessary.

Director Pederson moved to amend the motion with the following modifications: On the second sentence of item #3 to read in part: galvanized (non-reflective), *dark green* or black in <u>color</u>. Under item #4 amend by deleting 2x3 or 2x4 and replace with: *six square inches or larger*. <u>Under Tree Protection – Other Wildlife, amend the header to read: *Tree Protection – Other Wildlife i.e.*, <u>Beavers or Porcupines.</u> <u>Under item #3 of Tree Protection – Other Wildlife amend #3 to also include *dark green*. <u>Under item #4 of Tree Protection – Other Wildlife amend #4 by deleting 2x3 or 2x4 and replace with: six</u> <u>square inches or larger</u>. Seconded by Director Murray.</u></u>

Director Mobley commented that he believes we have a Design Committee that is composed of people with expertise in the matters being discussed with a high level of sophistication. That said, he feels the Design Committee is the place where we need to look for the authority source for this kind of action. What is being proposed is some specifics that come to them, could be received by them, as the Board's thoughts and recommendations not as an amendment to the document.

Director Beard commented that she believes the committee failed to thoroughly do their homework. They did contact numerous other communities but did not contact the home extension office and really do the necessary homework as far as how these predators really attack trees in the area and what is the best solution for them. Director Gillies disagreed noting the committee did an enormous amount of homework, He suggested that Director Beard be present the next time the committee reviews the Board's recommendations so she can ask specific questions and tell them specifically what she has found in doing her own research.

Call for the question on the amended motion: Motion failed with six nay votes and two yay votes.

<u>Director De Alicante moved to strike item #1 from Tree Protection – Deer Browsing section and striking</u> #1 from the Tree Protection – Other Wildlife section. Motion died for lack of a second.

### Call for the question on the original motion, motion failed unanimously.

The Board held further discussion and agreed they would like the document to go back to the Design Committee for further consideration on the type of tree protection allowed as far as color and size of openings, the number of tree protections allowed at one time, the number of years the protection can be left in place, the allowable height of protections and to provide clear definitions of shrubs versus tree and clear definitions of any of the terms they apply to their recommendations.

Director De Alicante feels the plant protections need to be deleted out of this and the committee should only focus on tree protection, which is what the Board's original request to the committee was. The Board held further discussion on this difficult issue.

There being no other business, President Beenen asked for a motion to adjourn.

Director De Alicante moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Director Murray, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gillies, SROA Secretary