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STRATFORD GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 1, 2024

The Board of Directors of Stratford Gardens Homes Association met at 5:30 p.m. on July 1, 2024 at the home of Tom Suther.

Directors in attendance: Courtney Fadler, Kristin Kratofil, Steven Nestor, Tom Suther and Fred Wolferman.

Directors absent: Scott Cordes, Brian Hand, Benny Lee and Maggie Shine

Call to order: Tom called the meeting to order at 5:36.

Security: The meeting began with a review of the Briefing Guide provided in advance of the meeting by Jim Vallance concerning the possible addition of security cameras in Stratford Gardens. The Board acknowledged the diligence and detailed work of Mr. Vallance on the cost analysis and camera research.

Discussion included the following topics:

Effectiveness: What evidence is there that the cameras are a deterrent to crime or that they would aid in the prosecution of crime? The Board noted that they are unaware of a neighborhood in Jackson County that could be used as a comparison. Because of the shortage of police and the relative low crime in this neighborhood, there is no assurance that they will be monitored.

Cost: In addition to the large upfront costs which are unlikely to be covered by any PIAC funds according to discussions with those on the PIAC committee, the recurring costs of the SIM cards required are very high (\$40-\$45 per month per camera) and would use the bulk of the reserves of the HOA.

Longevity: Although the cameras have a warranty, will the cameras be obsolete in 5-10 years? Technology is changing at a fast pace so this is a very large neighborhood expenditure for technology that could be outdated.

Test cameras: The Board discussed the proposal by Mr. Vallance that we could obtain 4 cameras as a "test". While the cost would be lower, there is still an upfront and monthly fee which is significant. In addition, questions arose about which streets the cameras would cover and is that fair to the neighbors who do not have the cameras? And how would we measure effectiveness? For those neighbors without ring cameras to coordinate video of a crime, would these cameras benefit them and if not, is it fair to pay out of HOA funds for only some neighbors?

After lengthy discussion and review of the Briefing Guide, the Board voted on whether to pursue the use of HOA funds to obtain security cameras at this time. By unanimous vote, all those in attendance voted no. The Board agreed to solicit more feedback from neighbors on crime and security in the upcoming newsletter.

The Board then turned to other business.

Block Party: Courtney suggested Taco Republic be retained again and requested that the Board approve the cost for Kona Ice and an inflatable for the children. The total proposed

budget of \$800 for the party was approved. The Board also agreed to bring music and request a firetruck.

Dumpster Day: Tom indicated that he has scheduled 2 dumpsters to be dropped off on August 24th at the cost of \$60 per dumpster for neighbor use.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 2024 were presented. Courtney moved to approve them, Fred seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Fred moved to adjourn the meeting and Courtney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26.