

CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 7:00 pm

*****Due to Secretary Ellen leaving and our new secretary trying to get up to speed, there were no formal group or committee reports this month. Comments are limited.**

Agenda

1) Call to order David Smoak

2) Quorum Call David Smoak

3) Approval of October 2021 minutes. **No minutes presented.**

4) Groups

i) CTCC Kate Woods

The lake will be drained 1/2/22-3/4/22. Village at the Trace Director voiced concern that it is too long of a period of time. David stated there is a lot of work to be done on docks, etc.

ii) Utilities David Smoak

On November 1st, David spoke to the NC Utilities Commission regarding the proposed rate hikes that CWS has applied for. He objected to numerous things about the process and issues with CWS service. There were many other representatives from other communities serviced by CWS expressing similar sentiments. There will be another hearing December 7th, but only with CWS participating. A rate decision should be made sometime in the months of December/January with an effective date of February.

iii) Fire Dept Chief Myers

The Carolina Trace Fire Department has had 185 calls this year, which is down from the average. There are currently thirty-six members. They are actively recruiting new members, including junior members. Contact Chief Myers for information. An architect has designed two additional bays for the back of the station (already in the budget). A First Health ambulance has been at the station since October 1st. The department has put out a newsletter. Anyone interested can go on their website and subscribe to receive it. Their conference room is open for POA meetings up to 10 people. A bay can be opened for larger groups.

5) President Remarks David Smoak

David's full remarks, as always, can be found on NextDoor and the CTA website. He emphasized the following: 1) He thanked Kelly Dorman for becoming the new CTA Secretary that he nominated for the remainder of this year. 2) He submitted the tax-exemption forms to the county to continue our exemption on the common properties of CTA. He recommended all of our POAs that may still be paying property taxes for common property to explore this opportunity to reduce your POA expenses. 3) David has been unable to present comments to the Lee County Commissioners regarding the approved redistricting plan that

continues to separate our community into two separate districts. While the issue is mostly settled anyways, he felt it is still important to speak out or the community at large will always use us as they see fit.

6) Financial Report

Candace Cochran

All POAs paid their dues in a timely manner. Please keep her informed of POA elections and changes to board members.

7) Secretary Remarks **None.**

8) Committee Reports

a) Security & Safety

Kate Woods

The option to possibly shut down all gates (except the Main Gate) from 12 or 1-5 AM that was proposed last month did not pass. There will be no closures or curfews. There will be a CERT report coming soon. There have been parents blocking the flow of traffic at the bus stops, especially the North Gate. Please do not contribute to backups at the gate.

b) Traceway Roads & Maintenance

Mike Dussault

Completed

1) Stabilized posts at both North and South exits.

2) LED lights installed at flag poles.

3) Cleaned out drainage ditches and culverts.

Upcoming

1) New media center-visibility will be upgraded.

2) Signs will be posted for asphalt repair at the North exit.

c) Traceway Lake and Dam Committee

David Smoak

David will nudge the land deal along between CTC and Escalante. He spoke with the damn inspector. The concrete portion is in good shape. The earthen portion is the focus with tree removal and the packing of soil.

9) Old Business **Nothing**

10) New Business **The following have been nominated with no floor nominations:**

President David Smoak

VP Kate Woods

Treasurer Candace Cochran

Secretary Kelly Dorman

NSPOA asked about dredging for the right of the entrance at the Main gate. Hopefully the new lake management company will address it.

Harbor Creek is looking at possible sign ins for boat ramp use. CT residents use this ramp for launching boats. Mike D. will bring this up with the Harbor Creek board. May put up a trail camera to capture some data on usage.

11) Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 7 at 7 pm**

12) Adjournment