

**CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

Tuesday, September 6th, 2021 7:00 pm

**Agenda**

- 1) Call to order David Smoak
- 2) Quorum Call Ellen Berg
- 3) Approval of August 2021 minutes.

**Two corrections are to be made to the August minutes: 1) The nominating committee was named. 2) The approval of the \$75,000 two-tiered vote needs to be documented.**

4) Groups

- i) CTCC **Nothing new to report.** Gaith Alkadi
- ii) Utilities Vince Roy

**The NCUC will conduct one public hearing (instead of the five previously mentioned) for the CWSNC's proposed rate increase. It will be a virtual (Zoom) meeting planned for November 2<sup>nd</sup> with negotiations to take place after. David was hopeful this would result in greater participation from the community. CWSNC was supposed to provide manholes and sewer line maps quite some time ago which were never received. They have since hired a new company to take this on.**

- iii) Fire Dept Chief Myers

**There have been 120 service calls so far this year. The board election will be held in person on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Public notices were sent out and Next Door has the candidates and resumes. There are three positions available.**

- 5) President Remarks David Smoak

**David brought attention to the following from his President's Remarks:**

- 1) **He introduced Candace Cochran to the Board as the new CTA Treasurer. Kelly Dorman and David Thomas continue to serve as Assistant Treasurers.**
- 2) **"Lee County will be considering new district maps soon for our County Commissioners. Carolina Trace is currently divided with District 2 representing the north section of Trace and District 3 representing the south section of Trace. While I understand the political advantage of having two commissioners that should speak for representing Carolina Trace there is also an advantage in having only one commissioner that is going to be more directly accountable to us. I would like the Board to consider these options and give me a consensus that can be presented to the rapidly approaching public hearings on this matter."**

**3) He is looking for a new volunteer to be Carolina Trace's Decorations Committee leader. Katy Henderson has done it for a couple of holidays now and is available to help the new volunteer with the transition, but will not be leading it this coming holiday season. This volunteer is the reason we have the bridges and Gatehouse decorated every year.**

6) Financial Report

David Smoak

**Candace is reconstructing things and correcting issues in QuickBooks. The bills are getting paid and quarterly assessments have been mailed.**

7) Secretary Remarks **Nothing to report.**

Ellen Berg

8) Committee Reports

a) Security & Safety

Kate Woods

**Kate emphasized that SPA is not a security force or police force (they do not carry weapons), but are only there for gate access.**

b) Traceway Roads & Maintenance

Mike Dussault

## **Completed**

**1) Rip Rap of Shoreline between North and South bridges.**

**2) Asphalt over sinkhole at North Woodfield.**

**3) Weeds sprayed both North and South Traceway. Weeds also sprayed in plant areas from Gatehouse to Rt 87 and guard rail along Rt 87.**

**4) Fountain added to front Traceway entrance near Rt 87.**

**5) Trees and bushes removed from left side of North exit at Cox Mill Rd. (Ron & Deb Moeller) They also cleaned up the front of Highland Woods.**

**6) Weed covering fabric added to one side of the South exit. (Fabric donated)**

**7) Bid received for repairing asphalt drainage area from Country Club to Lakeview.**

**8) 150 Carp added to Lake Trace. (Ernie Patterson)**

## **Upcoming**

**1) Removal of trees at North Bridge, add rip rap.**

**2) Stabilize posts at both North and South exit.**

**3) Add weed fabric to the other side of South exit.**

**4) Three culverts to be either spincast or cipp Sept. 1st-3rd. (Nu-Pipe)**

**5) Get bid to repair deteriorating road on the North exit; hopefully combine work with repairing asphalt drainage issue. (# 7 completed)**

6) Media center at main gate entrance.

7) Several painting projects.

During the meeting, two people volunteered to help with the future media center.

1) Location of TV/media center to be determined.

2) Wording of messages. (Both generic and emergency)

**Note: Will meet with Kate Woods and Ernie Patterson at the gatehouse.**

c) Traceway Lake and Dam Committee

The status of the easement for maintenance access to the south portion of the Trace Dam is still in negotiations among the property owners, among which CTA is not one. Brush removal on the north portion of the Trace Dam is being conducted on a scheduled basis by Escalante's maintenance crew. Based on Board approval and State recommendations, the delivery of 150 sterile grass carp to Lake Trace was completed on August 13.

9) Old Business

a) 2022 Budget

The proposed 2022 budget passed with a more than 2/3 vote. Two motions did NOT pass:

1) The Golf West POA Board placed the following motion before the CTA Board:

**"Motion to increase each CTA 2022 lot assessment by an additional ten dollars (\$10.00). Revenue to be placed in the Lake Trace Maintenance line item of the 2022 CTA Budget for the purpose of providing additional and necessary funds to remediate the Hydrilla Grass infestation within Lake Trace..."**

Resident Lee Amcher was present at the meeting, passed samples of the Hydrilla Grass, and presented a case for more to be done regarding Lake Maintenance than just the introduction of the carp (he wants the addition of a costly herbicide treatment). He was countered by many Directors and Ernie Patterson who want to take a more wait and see approach. Also, it was mentioned in 2003 too many carp were used, most of the vegetation was eaten and there was no place for fish to lay eggs.

2) Motion from Woodfield Director to move \$25,000 from Reserve Funds to the Lake Trace Maintenance line item under Long Range Planning.

10) New Business

David wants feedback from Directors whether we want one commissioner or two going forward. (See CTA President's Remarks)

11) Next meeting: Tuesday, October 5th at 7 pm

12) Adjournment