**CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 7:00 pm

**Agenda**

1) Call to order David Smoak

2) Approval of May 2022 minutes. **Approved.**

3) Groups

i) CTCC Raymond Reyes

**No representation. David was thankful for the Club’s Memorial Day event. There will be 4th of July fireworks again this year.**

ii) Utilities Vince Roy

**Base rates have been lowered. Bill determined more by usage.**

iii) Fire Dept Chief Meyers

**Newsletter Available at** [**https://www.carolinatracevfd.org/**](https://www.carolinatracevfd.org/)

**YTD CALLS: We have run 150 calls so far this year. This is a substantial increase in call volume over last year. There are 30 members on the roster; 6 paid staff and 24 volunteers. First Health has been in service at our station since October 1. Please let Chief Meyers know if you have any problems or concerns. The fire department training room is available for POA meetings if needed. Please contact him at 919-499-5811 or ctvfd.chiefs@gmail.com to reserve.**

**The fire department’s budget request was approved by the Fire Advisory Board and has been sent to the county Commissioners for approval. This is the third year in a row that the tax rate will remain the same.**

**The department is still selling the reflective address signs. The signs are $20 or $25 if you would like us to install it for you. These signs make it easier for the fire department and EMS to locate your residence in case of an emergency and they improve response times.**

**The fire marshal has received a complaint about the locks on pools. While we understand that it is important to secure your pools, it is also important to ensure emergency access for the fire department and egress for residents that are using the pool. We would like to arrange for a key box or Knox box for fire department access. The fire marshal is requesting that the gates not be locked while the pool is in use for egress purposes.**

**We are currently working on planning events for the rest of the year. We are waiting to hear back from the sheriff’s office to see if they will be holding national night out this year. If national night out does not happen, we will hold an open house at the fire station.**

4) President Remarks David Smoak

**Full remarks on NextDoor and CTA website. Some highlights:** **1)** **Volunteers have been coming forward to accomplish specific tasks, the Memorial Day observance and the messages on the media centers are a direct result of recent volunteers, thank you**! **The unofficial fireworks celebration on July 4th has been conducted by volunteers lately, and they are welcoming donations with a message posted on NextDoor, Shana Zinn is the POC.**

**2) David is planning on one more Town Hall meeting here in Trace for his last year as CTA President. The upcoming Town Hall will be in late July/August, date and time will be announced later. The main focus will be on our security as well as more information on your rights. He will invite Sheriff Brian Estes and at least a few of his deputies to attend also so that he can discuss what his staff can do for our community. If you have not attended past town halls, please read the slides that were posted here: http://www.ctaincnc.org/official-documents-and-policies.html there is a presentation labelled “CTA Town Hall Presentation August 2021” which covers quite a lot basic information about our complex structure here.**

**3) We do generally have an “open meeting” policy in CTA. These Zoom invitations can be shared with any concerned resident, it doesn’t mean they will participate in every topic discussed in the meeting, but there is always a time at the end of meetings for new business/concerns. We are planning on conducting one in-person CTA meeting for either August or September of this year when we will discuss the 2023 budget. David recommends any non-Director wishing to contribute to a specific topic, you should let at least one Director know about your issue and empower them to act as your “sponsor” or champion to facilitate your ability to speak at the appropriate time in the meeting.**

**4) Upcoming: there will be stickers for self-depositing of trash at the county convenience centers. The county will mail two stickers to each household.**

5) Financial Report Candace Cochran

**All bills are paid. Everything is good. POAs can pay dues for the rest of the year if they desire.**

**From Dave T: He is gathering information for the budget. Census will change for improved/unimproved lots. Both bridges were inspected in late February. An engineering team met with our reps where “fair scores” on both bridges were discussed. South bridge rebar exposed due to cement deterioration-requiring quotes on this. Work to be performed during lake lowering. The large bridge is in good condition. Only recommendation is that on the I-beams going down into the lake, that the concrete collars needed to protect the metallurgic integrity of the beams need work. Looking at repair costs for the budget. Bridges are expensive assets.**

6) Secretary Remarks  Lisa Navas

**Please update all board members names and email addresses.**

7) Committee Reports

a) Security & Safety Kate Woods

**There is a court date of June 28th for South Gate hit repair. They are still short staffed at the guard shack. Please direct all safety and security questions to Kate and not the guards. She can be reached at** **ctavicep@gmail.com****. DO NOT post infractions on social media. There will be a SPA visit soon with an estimate for contract expenses. Kate is also getting bids from other security companies.**

b) Traceway Roads & Maintenance Mike Dussault

**Completed**

**1) Asphalt 19 Traceway. (Drainage issue resolved)**

**2) Bridge inspection Review meeting.**

**3) Removal of Trees and Shrub near Rt 87.**

**4) Summer planting on the area in front of the Gatehouse. (Peggy Hudson, Susan**

**Violon, Janet Alicia)**

**5) Weed whacking and weed spraying along Traceway. (Ron and Debbie Moeller)**

**6) Fish added to ponds affected by sealcoating and several others. (Ernie Paterson /Al**

**Zulich)**

**Upcoming**

**1) Asphalt work June 6th and 7th. Front entrance expansion, Eagles Nest entrance,**

**Lower Lakeview**

**2) Sealcoating North and South exits, old bus turnaround, Gatehouse parking, S Curve,**

**and some other small areas Wednesday June 22nd/Thursday June 23rd if needed.**

**Note: North and South Gates will be closed for the sealcoating work.**

**3) North gate relocation. Completion date end of July /early August.**

**4) Reflector replacement/ Painting /Weed Control.**

c) Trace Lake and Dam Committee David Smoak

**On May 27, the TLDC met at CTCC and discussed the following:**

**1. Discussed the maintenance plan for the Trace Dam, which is still entirely between the State, Escalante and CTC. We plan on waiting until September before considering any further involvement if progress does not seem to be made.**

**2. Regarding the hydrilla issue, Escalante is going to consult with their Lake management company regarding further actions to take if it's spraying or more carp.**

**3. Pending a plan on the Dam maintenance, planning for the next lake lowering will also wait on Escalante's project timeline.**

**4. We continue to encourage the CTA Board to give spending authority to this special committee for these projects that are normally outside the authority of CTA Bylaws.**

**5. \*\*\*Considering a resolution to secure legal representation for the community to express our concerns to the State if sufficient progress is not made by responsible property owners regarding the Lake and Dam that would affect our entire community.**

**6. We discussed how heavy maintenance on the South side of the Dam could proceed by driving across the dry riverbed if the Lake is lowered. This contingency needs to be considered if Ms. Ellen Mood loses faith and patience in our ability to use the empty lot she generously purchased almost 2 years ago. Access for routine maintenance of mowing, etc. would be impacted but the larger trees on the downstream portion of the dam could still be removed.**

9) Old Business ‘**Issues to consider with Lake Trace Maintenance Spending Proposals’ tabled.**

10) New Business **Nothing.**

11) Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 5th, 2022 at 7 pm**

12) Adjournment