

# **Annual Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting**

**January 11, 2022**

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**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President David Brown**

**Board Members Present:** JoEllen Bahnsen, David Brown, Amy Mortensen, Susan Parrent, Walt Clark, Ali Preston

**Via Zoom:** Linda Rheeling

**Residents Present:** 20 residents were present either in person or via Zoom

**Residents Comments and Concerns:**

Emailed comments regarding fences submitted by \*\*\*\* \* – see attached.

**Introduction of Board Members:**

David introduced and thanked the current Board members:

- David Brown – President – has served eight years on the board.
- Linda Rheeling - Vice President – has served eighteen years on the board.
- JoEllen Bahnsen – Treasurer – has served twenty-one years on the board.
- Amy Mortensen – Secretary – has finished first year on the board.
- Walt Clark - Beautification Committee – has served fifteen years on the board, thank you for your service!
- Susan Parrent - Covenants Committee – has served four years on the board.
- Allison Preston - Communications Committee – has served two years on the board.

and the Sub-Committee Heads:

- Jim Schmidt -Government committee since 2006.
- Christine Knight - Newcomers committee since 2016.

**Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes with corrections (\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*). Motion carried, none opposed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Reviewed the 2021 Actual vs. Budget report.

\*\*\*\* questioned actual spent compared to budget regarding the Landscaping/Tree Replacement/Other Maintenance. JoEllen explained that tree damage due to the ice storms and the new signs that were approved and installed on the east and west ends of the Northtown berm caused that category to go over budget.

Reviewed the current bank statement.

Treasurer's report was received and filed by David Brown.

**President's Report:**

David reviewed some of the work the Board has been doing in addition to the regular monthly Board meetings. This includes meeting two additional times to discuss the proposed bylaw and fence guidelines changes and a special meeting with the Board's attorney to insure appropriate legal language was included.

He also mentioned three Board members who put in extra time. Susan Parrent, as Covenants Chair, spends time each month with follow ups. Walt Clark, as Beautification Chair, has worked on a variety of projects including the cleanup of ice storms and replacement of signage. Ali Preston, as Communications Chair, spends time each quarter creating the newsletter for our HOA.

David closed by addressing a couple of items that have appeared on the Nextdoor bulletin board. The opinion was shared that the IHOA Board of Directors is not representing the wishes of the majority of Ironwood homeowners. It seems that if this was the case, current board members would be problematic in getting reelected to the board. The second opinion, that the Board did not listen to residents as they revised the bylaws and fence guidelines, and the several references to the fence survey that was conducted in January 2021. Changes were published on the website and message board, the entire process was transparent to those who wished to follow the changes. There was not a lot of community engagement. The Board decided prior to the survey being published if there was not a 50% respondent rate, we would not take it into consideration. David feels it would be inappropriate to change a standing policy for 25% of the subdivision.

**Election of Board Members:**

David Brown – 196 votes

Katy Gesel – 121 votes

Keith Palmgren – 181 votes

Ali Preston – 184 votes

Linda Rheeling 168 – votes

263 owners were represented in person or by proxy. IHOA does have a quorum to conduct the business meeting.

By-Law votes - 201 yes, 50 no – By-Laws passed

Revised fence guidelines vote - 162 yes, 92 no - Fence Guidelines passed

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn and seconded (Clark/Preston) at 7:17 PM

**Next Meeting will be January 10, 2023 at 7:00pm.**



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## homeowner response shared at annual mtg 1.11.22

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**sparrent** <parrent.s@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 9:55 AM

To: Amy Mortensen <amortensen@ihoa.org>

Here is the email shared by Susan Parrent, Board mbr, for current homeowner, at annual meeting in regards to fences, etc.

Jeff Woodall, homeowner, Crestmoor Cove Ct

Shared January 11, 2022

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **J Woodall** <jlwjdw@frontier.com>

Date: Tue, Jan 4, 2022 at 12:47 PM

Hey Susan, Here are some thoughts as this moves forward.

Please feel free to bring this up at the meeting if appropriate from concerned owners on fences.

- **Maintenance of Fences.** What do you do when owners of fences do not keep them up to date. Just take a look at those currently in Ironwood and other subdivisions. In my opinion this is the most important item. If fences are approved, put in the approval they must be maintained properly or they have to be removed. Maintenance includes painting or staining the fence yearly. For white fences, power wash them twice a year.
- What is the purpose of a fence? What do the owners want to accomplish?
  - Security. When fences are put up, I see this a way for increase crime on properties with fences.
  - Mowing. Who is going to mow around the fence and keep the grass mowed properly? Drive around those communities with fences and you will see these properties are not maintained.
  - Other animals. Birds, squirrels and rabbits will find a way to get into your property
  - Dogs. Buy a underground system.
  - Property Values. When fences are erected, they come across as unfriendly and uninvited to others. **A fence itself does not add as much value to the home** when compared to material and construction costs. It will enhance the value of the home only if there is a true need for such an outdoor structure. Currently, there are no needs in the community.
  - Unattractive sites. People put up fences so they do not have to clean up their backyards and leave clutter and don't want to mow (unattractive sights).
- Pros and Cons of a Fence. Is there a document that has been created to share with everyone.
- Attorney. Does he or she have ties to the community? Maybe its time to get an attorney who supports the value of the HOA.