



We finished the month of November with a negative variance of \$11,518 and YTD negative variance of \$4,970.

A motion made by Fred and second by JoAn to approve the November financial report. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

#### 4. Safety Committee Report;

JoAn presented for the Committee:

- The Bluffton Police representative the committee has been working with gave a high level over view of the overall security and safety of our community. They also have an 88 question survey for homeowners to complete for safety awareness as well as input. Some of the things the officer found while touring our subdivision were:
  - Mail boxes are inconsistent – non reflective numbers and number positioning
  - High bushes can hide would be perpetrators
  - Very dark after sunset – no street lighting
  - Many homes turn off all lights at night
  - Speed bumps are poorly marked, some not marked at all.
  - When compared to other neighborhoods, Rose Dhu Creek is not bad in overall security and safety. The officer suggested focusing on overall individual security and not so much on the overall boundary security.

Fred mentioned he is currently waiting for more signage for traffic control that should be ready around the first of January and he and Greg will get the posts painted and placed.

- Speed monitoring electronic signage has been investigated. The electronic detection sign records the motorists travel speed, flashes when it is beyond the posted speed, and takes a picture of the vehicle. The committee is working with the Bluffton police department to borrow their speed monitoring sign to investigate how driver behavior might be affected. The committee is also exploring speed monitoring sign that could be purchased by Rose Dhu for future consideration. He has found costs to be in the area of \$4650.00 for such a speed monitoring sign. A discussion ensued and it was thought the cost to be high given the passive and nonbinding threat of ticketing offending drivers for excessive speed.

Art suggested focusing on the speed bump designs and placement and not on the traffic calming electronic or otherwise devices.

JoAn explained the committee will be planning out a strategy to move forward on traffic control. Speed bumps should be reengineered with a level bricked center line converting them into speed *humps* for improved safety. As well as removing several speed bumps.

Art commented we need to focus on a plan.

Fred said we are looking to borrow an electronic speed sign from the Bluffton Police department to see if there is any effect and how the data will be used, before spending this level of capital expense on our own electronic sign. Speed table vs speed bump.

#### 5. Bylaws Committee:

JoAn mentioned that the attorney's office has reviewed the proposed amendments as submitted by the committee and has sent her comments. The comments have since been distributed to the Board for review and comment. A motion was made by JoAn with a second by John to accept the proposed amendments and well as the suggestions by the law firm. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

JoAn will work with the attorney's office with updating a new document. Discussion on the removal of the verbiage of "Declarant" ensued. Ron suggested it should be removed to avoid confusion. Joan will determine the cost with the attorney. It was also discussed that this change might be avoided in the wording of Preamble in the Bylaws document. In any case, all the changes will need to be completed by the Annual Meeting set for February 18 for property owners to vote.

#### 6. Beautification Committee:

Greg reports there will be a planning meeting in January for projects the Board to consider for 2017. He hopes Amy the landscape architect will be able to attend.

#### 7. DR Horton update

Fred reports that DR Horton wants to file a sealed document relative to the lawsuit. This request and document must be completed by January 15, 2017. Our Attorney will hold the records of the suit.

#### 8. ARB update

JoAn will review the ARB operational guidelines for possible updates. There needs to be a defined minimal square footage for new homes at the very minimum.

#### 9. New business:

Greg proposed the formation of a Financial Committee whose charter is to develop and manage a Financial 5 Year Plan, to advise the Board on all financial matters. That Fred would be a great resource the head the new committee. A second was made by JoAn and short discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Fred announced again that the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Gathering Place. Fred mentioned we will go door to door with proxies so we have a quorum this year and not have to reschedule another annual meeting. We will be using Laphanie again for her insight and help.

Art mentioned that the Nomination Committee has distributed forms to all the mail boxes for potential candidates for the Board. There are three openings on the Board. That also, the bylaws should contain a balloting process. Greg said he would send to Art and the Board a process he had used in Illinois.

#### 10. Old Business:

JoAn mentioned the Quick Guide to the RDC Covenants is completed and she will send a copy out the Board for review.

Greg mentioned to save time and allow Board members time to review and develop questions, committee activity reports should be sent to the Secretary no later than the week before a scheduled monthly Board meeting for Board distribution. All agreed to do so.

JoAnn asked how the Audit is coming along, and what are we to do with all the old documents. Greg thought JoAn was working with the Auditor. He will quickly follow up tomorrow and get the ball rolling again. For now we will keep all stored documents and wait to see what the auditor advises.

Fred reported hurricane clean up from Hurricane Matthew is practically completed. FEMA will be coming through 2 more times for pick up. The huge trees chris crossed behind Sharkey's on the bridle path will be soon cleared, and by the end of the holidays all the trails will finally be cleared and open. Branches less than 6 inches will be chipped.

The Home Builders Association rented the Gathering Place for \$1500.00 for their annual party as all the venues on Hilton Head where they usually hold this event are not available due to the damages from the hurricane. Although the music was loud, there were inquiries of how other organizations might be able to use our facilities. Evidently all the guests enjoyed our facilities with updated grounds and fire pit. Also, the reservations / contract form needs updating relative to clean up, noise damages and parking. There was a discussion on the possibility of using this facility to generate revenue for RDC.

Fred reported the Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, February 18 at 10 AM at the Gathering Place. Laphanie will again be helping us with the design of the meeting as well as logistics of sign in, and voting process.

#### 11. Public Comment:

Roger asked when will the North gate damage be repaired. Fred mentioned he had just received a quote to repair, and work should be complete by mid-January.

#### 12. Carry Over Item Listing:

Joan pointed out left over action items from the last Board meeting:

1. Gathering Place pavilion regulations need to be drawn up and posted **Not Assigned**
  - a. Diane mentioned the regulations are outlined on the form under "Rules & Guide Lines", but the form needs to be updated
2. The RDC operating books audited are now in process of being audited so the findings are available for the Annual meeting in February **Joan – In Process**
3. Greg and Fred need to be Bonded for Fidelity Bonding as they handle the day to day RDC money transactions **Fred & Greg – In Process**
4. Wet land markings Included in signage plan **Open**
5. Chart of succession planning for the Board – **Fred & John**

- a. Board may need more members since the community is growing
  - b. Needs a business Process
6. Creation of new Committees:
- a. New Property Owner Orientation - **Diane**
    - i. Greg mentioned His wife Anne and Libby Hardy have been going to new homeowners to “welcome them to the neighborhood”. Greg feels an orientation would be great to add to the web site for everyone to view. **Joan** is working on putting a PowerPoint together.
7. Developing more Business Processes:
- a. Such as at what dollar amount is there a requirement to get multiple quotes for a project or purchase **Board – In Process**
  - b. Minimal square footage for future homes is not noted. Fred suggested a requirement of 2500 square feet. Joan to proposed changes to the ARB documents. **John – In Process**
  - c. Greg mentioned that the Board will have a secure place for all Board related matters such as these to be stored in Goggle Docs. That all Board members first need to have access to Google docs. Then a URL and sign on will be developed and passed over to the Board. Folders can then be made in Google Docs that will house all important documents that the current and future Boards can access. **Greg – IN Process**

13. Executive Session:  
None

14. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Fred and seconded by Greg. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Van Zandt