

FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
BOARD PLANNING SESSION HELD THURSDAY MARCH 25, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Full Board attendance; Betty, Lori, Tatiana, Hilary, Ted, Doug, Ray, Socrates, Drew, Jerry

Business Section:

1. 2021 Funday is officially canceled: Jerry will inform the City, no need of facilities.
2. Fall Programs at FHCC; not possible to develop with the current uncertainties; Very successful Pickleball program will continue outdoors. We will take another look in August. Drew will investigate the possibility of offering an outdoor soccer program. With the pandemic, people have been doing much more outdoors.
3. Forest Heights Courts: we had indicated with certain conditions we would consider a \$50,000 contribution to the School Board for upgrading the courts to include dedicated pickleball courts; the general feeling now is that this project is not a school priority and will not go ahead in the foreseeable future; Jerry will notify the School Board senior staff we are no longer interested in being a partner, but also reiterate our concern about the unsafe playing surface. We will also ask them to at least paint the fading lines.

A. Association review and analysis:

Historical Retrospective Analysis: the draft was discussed and will be refined to assist in our examination of our evolution over the years as an Association and what we see as our preferred future. This will lead us to developing a strategic plan and some Constitutional amendments to better reflect who we are and what we do.

B. Divesting some of our Surplus: (Community Development)

General agreement on considering investing at least \$100,000.00 of our savings.

1. The key is on thoughtful “investing”; not simply “spending”.
2. Possibility of also growing our savings by applying for government and foundation grants.
3. Capital/infrastructure projects; the Board was unanimous in supporting an outdoor gym and outdoor ping pong table(s); located in the Forest Heights area; Jerry will contact the City Parks Director; Ray agreed to take the lead on the table(s) and Doug on the outdoor gym.
4. Non capital donations; depending on the final cost of the capital projects the Board also supports donating to not for profit/charitable organizations; preference on those that have an

impact in our catchment area, focus on “kids”, have few paid staff, are seen as “grass roots”, first time recipients were all mentioned as possible criteria. Jerry thanked those who submitted names of organizations they would recommend.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2021

6:30 PM VIA ZOOM