

**EASTERN GARDENS COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2015 MINUTES**

President: Jeff Lema	Vice President: Bernie Stofanik
Treasurer: Lynette Haley	Secretary: Shirley Brown
Director: Ed Healy	Alternate: Jerry Ontiveros
Alternate: Kathy Slotterback	

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:37 PM @CLUBHOUSE

II. ROLL CALL 50 present

PRESENT: President: Jeff Lema; Vice President: Bernie Stofanik; Treasurer: Lynette Haley; Secretary: Shirley Brown; Director: Ed Healy Alternate: Kathy Slotterback Alternate: Jerry Ontiveros.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Davis Stirling forms handed out to Members at Meeting on Open Forum Rules. Member questions, comments, suggestions, during Open Forum lasted until 7:20. Some items asked regarding personnel not permitted to discuss in Open Meeting. Member advised and shown handout dealing with this exclusion.

B. Petition for Recall for Shirley Brown and Recall Petition for Jeff Lema was delivered to Board.

C. Issues brought up included landscape, budget and rate of spending and reserve fund, and needed pre planning essential.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Majestic Landscape owner Alex Gutierrez spoke to Members and answered many questions on sprinkler system, grass, trees and working with the drought. Told members water usage on grounds down 50% from last year. He spoke until 7: 40.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT: President Lema requested his time deferred

to Committee section of agenda.

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B. VICE PRESIDENT: V. President Mrs. Stofanik wants to serve on a committee and said she felt they can bring Members closer.

C. TREASURER: No monthly financials available per Treasurer Ms. Haley. No report yet.

D. SECRETARY: No report. (Minutes not yet approved by all Board members. All minutes transcribed.)

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Manager's Report: There are 5 Move outs due to death, illness and other reasons. Approximately 30 work orders with some awaiting Board review and direction reported since last meeting.

B. Portfolio Manager: Report : None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Social Committee- Social Committee chairperson Janice Hoberg told the Membership there would be a 4th of July ice cream picnic.

B. Chairperson Jetta Ostrofsky reported she had not set a date, but plans to later. President Lema thanked her for her report.

Lema to appoint chairperson. Action Motion by President Lema to form

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Landscape-'s Majestic talk answered many questions most issues brought up by Members had been addressed. It was noted by Secretary Ms. Brown that the oleanders must be trimmed to preserve safety limiting any hazardous conditions. Trimming around lamps, buildings, cars or other items is essential.

A Member made it clear it was urgent to handle this quickly from the floor. There was another round of talk from among the residents present even though the Open Forum was closed.

B. Pet Policy-Treasurer Ms. Haley wants to eliminate the no pet policy but supports a survey among the members, She brought a hand out for the Board (attached).

Clarification on attorney fee asked by Members. How much was spent on the attorney. Director Ed Healy explained the redacted minutes should be available eventually to Members. Secretary Ms.

Brown explained the monthly financials are available to all members in the office and that break down all expenses so each Member knows exactly where each penny of their due are being spent. Members are encouraged to check on website or go to office to get this information.

Portfolio Manager Mr. Haugstad explained no bills had been submitted from Legal to his knowledge. Again, Order of the agenda was not being followed. Open Forum closed, yet Residents continued to interrupt proceedings with more questions. Several became angry, hostile and/or abusive while others were annoyed with the continual interruption and lack of following the rules as handed out to all Members prior to meeting. Every attempt was being made to move the agenda forward by President Lema.

C. Finance and Maintenance Committee- President Jeff Lema said Gayle Posy and Magda Edwy offered to serve on the Finance Committee with him. This Committee like all Committees work directly under the Board of Directors and serves at the pleasure of the Board. ACTION TAKEN: President Lema moved formation of the Finance and Maintenance Committee be formed. Second of the motion was made by Secretary Ms. Brown.

Discussion in anger , frustration and unruly outbursts made a vote and Board discussion difficult. Vote called (3 yes 2 no). Motion carried. From the floor and out of order, some members verbally disparaged who was to be on committee . This continued from the floor. Name calling and inappropriate accusations became spontaneous between a few Members.

D. Membership Committee -Aliza Grant offered to serve with Bernie Stofanik and (Interrupted by member before discussion or motion could be made.)

A Member stood up and insisted the motion was not legal to make since we hadn't talked about it enough. V. President Mrs. Stofanik moved a Membership Committee be formed with herself and Aliza Grant on the Committee and other volunteers up to five members. Secretary Ms. Brown, made a second to the motion, Vote taken (3 yes 2 no).

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AS THE CONSTANT INTERRUPTIONS FROM THE FLOOR MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE THE AGENDA FORWARD IN A PEACEFUL PRODUCTIVE MANNER. ADJOURNMENT CALLED: The Annual Policy Statement & Annual Budget Statement not discussed and for years is handled by FPI. In special case Board has done ABS & APS which falls under control of FPI. This practice under discretion of standing Board on year to year basis. This Board has not accepted this task to date.

ADJOURNMENT 8:27 PM Due to some Members disrupting the closed portion of the Meeting where the Board hears only from the Members upon request. OPEN FORUM does not allow comments at will from the audience once Open Forum ends as described in Davis Stirling handout made available to all Members.

Shirley Brown
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY A
MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR

SIGNATURE S.B. DATE 6-19-15