

May 20, 2010

To: Peggy Harrison
Chairperson, Grounds Committee

Subj: Bird Habitats

The following relates to the existing bird habitats situated throughout the Sanctuary on the Park (SOP) community. It is a proposal to establish a long term program for the continued operation and maintenance of the habitats in addition to a possible future expansion and ongoing informational program for those in the SOP community that may be interested.

HISTORY

To better understand the elements and provisions which we feel are an essential part of a viable program it is necessary to review some history to put things in the proper perspective.

Financial - The habitats are the result of a cash donation of \$1,500 by the Developer in 2000 for the express purpose of establishing a bird sanctuary.

Implementation - Dr. Scott Menough, a respected bird expert, was contacted and, with the community common area layout in hand, designed the system based on types of cavity nesters, territorial issues and the budget. No additional money was spent beyond the \$ 1,500. All work on the installation was done by Scott and the volunteers.

Ongoing care - Over the last ten years all expenses, including supplies, such as natural preservative oils, wood chips, extra tools (scrapers, wire brushes, paint brushes etc.) including the major rebuilding of selected boxes from time to time has been paid for by the volunteers.

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION

We propose to establish the bird group as a club which we see as a hybrid of two already existing entities within the community, the Book Club and the SOP Web Site.

Book Club - A SOP community group open to anyone that is interested in reading selected books and discussing same with those of like interests. It is totally self contained, self financed and conducted by the members of the club.

Web Site - Referred to as "our Web Site" by everyone it is, in reality, operated by a community service minded resident who provides the computer server hardware as well as the hosting labor, design services and all attendant expertise at absolutely no cost to our community.

Additional perspectives

First - The recent experience over the last year has proven that, much like the Book Club, there are only a limited number of people who are interested in the habitat program. Some more than others, of course, but in the main they certainly are in the minority, a fact that lends some credibility to this approach.

Second - One of the major contributions to SOP, the Web Site, is totally self financed and maintained solely as a gesture of good will to his community by Sam Searcy. We would be happy if our meager efforts could match even a small percentage of his.

PROVISIONS

1) Given the above and the nature of the proposed approach there are certain provision which seem necessary due to the conditions involving the habitats and their more recent designation as assets. Accordingly we propose that the habitats, which have now depreciated well over the 8 year period and having no "book value" be given to the newly formed club for their continued operation and maintenance with the condition that all future expenses for operation and maintenance will be borne by said club.

2) The major difference of this club, as opposed to either the Book Club or the Web Site activity is that both of them are conducted within the respective residences. The proposed bird club, however, by its nature, would be conducted on the common area of SOP. Accordingly, we would need the Board approval to conduct our activities in that area. Given this, it would also seem appropriate that we keep the Grounds Committee, who has that designated responsibility, apprised of our activity. This could easily be done with a nominated liaison between the club and the committee.

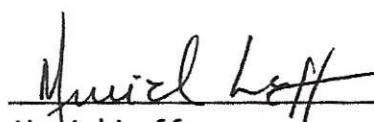
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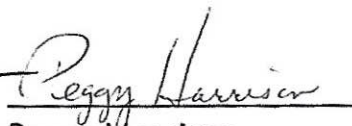
It would be our intention, should the club designation and these provisions be agreed upon, to explore additional projects such as controlled experiments with the habitats in conjunction with available expert advice and coordination. We would also be asking any interested SOP residents to provide us with their e-mail address so we can keep them informed of the club activities. This way we can assure that those who are not interested won't be bothered. Also those interested would be invited to attend additional discussions and presentations on other aspects of the wildlife in and around SOP that may be sponsored by the club.

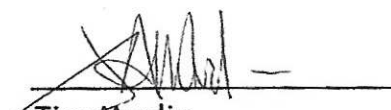
Respectfully,

Ron Robinson
Jim Murlin
Carol Race

THE PARTIES HEREIN AGREE TO THE ABOVE PROPOSAL AS STATED.
DATED JUNE 17, 2010


Muriel Leff
HOA Vice President


Peggy Harrison
Grounds Committee
Chair


Jim Murlin
Bird ~~Committee~~ Club
Representative