

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
DOUBLE BRANCH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Double Branch Community Development District was held Monday, **June 10, 2024** at 4:06 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Tom Horton  
Scott Thomas  
Andre Lanier

Vice Chairman  
Assistant Secretary  
Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Marilee Giles  
Mike Eckert  
Jay Soriano  
Chalon Suchsland

District Manager  
District Counsel  
Field Operations Manager  
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**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**

Ms. Giles called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments**

There being none, the next item followed.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Organizational Matters**

**A. Consideration of Appointing a New Supervisor to Fill Vacancy**

Ms. Giles stated at the last meeting, we accepted the resignation from a supervisor, so now we have a vacancy. I've not received any resumes or letters of intent. So, this is the board's opportunity to talk about how they want to fill that vacancy.

Mr. Lanier stated you have received none?

Ms. Giles stated I have not. Jay, have you?

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Mr. Soriano stated no. That's why I reached out to the board members over the weekend and probably bugged some people again trying to see if they had interest. No one has submitted anything.

Mr. Horton stated I got a neighbor I thought was really good for it, but I might get him up here.

Ms. Giles stated to fill the vacancy Florida Statute just says you'll fill the vacancy. It doesn't tell you how to do it. So as long as we have quorum, we're probably okay to wait another month or we can send an e-blast to the community. It's really just how the board wants to fill that vacancy.

Mr. Thomas stated are we allowed to put it on Facebook?

Mr. Soriano stated no, I don't do Facebook. The district does not do that. Now you can. Personally, I generally recommend against that if you want to take your month again and feel your contacts out a bit. But the next step would be an e-blast from us looking for resumes.

Mr. Lanier stated I'd recommend since we don't have anything to wait a month. I know I have one person that might be interested, but that's a possibility.

Mr. Soriano stated the main concern is we have to have the three actual bodies here.

Ms. Giles stated we can table that if you'd like, see what happens.

Mr. Horton stated when I got appointed to the board there must have been ten people up here. You can't get anybody. I don't know how they found out about it.

Ms. Giles stated usually in this district, it's about word of mouth.

Mr. Soriano stated it's a little different when there's more involvement. Realistically, things have been going pretty good. You don't have a lot of involvement either way, whether it's positive or negative. We're just not getting that.

Mr. Thomas stated can we put something on our website that says here's how you can get involved in the community. We can't do anything on an official Facebook page?

Ms. Giles stated the district doesn't have Facebook. My concern with you doing a Facebook post is to make sure none of the other supervisors comment on that and give the perception that you're breaking the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Eckert stated you can put a notice on your website that just says, we have a vacancy. If you're interested, submit resumes, to Marilee.

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Ms. Giles stated we can ask if you can put it on the Oakleaf website. I can also put it on the CDD website. It's just what the board wants to do. If you want to wait another month and then go electronically by way of an e-blast and both websites, just give us that guidance.

Mr. Lanier stated I'd like to make a recommendation to wait one month and then possibly put it on blast.

Mr. Horton stated I'm with you on that.

Ms. Giles stated okay, so we'll table all of agenda item three.

**B. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Supervisor**

This item was tabled.

**C. Consideration of Resolution Designating Officers**

This item was tabled.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Ms. Giles stated on page ten are the minutes of the May 13th meeting. Unless there's any comments or changes, I just look for a motion to approve the minutes.

On MOTION by Mr. Lanier seconded by Mr. Horton with all in favor the minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting were approved.
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Ms. Giles stated starting on page 38 are your financials for the period of April 30, 2024, followed by your assessment receipt schedule on page 50. And it shows the District is 98% collected. Your check register is on PDF page 52 in the amount of \$72,699.59. That's for the month of May. I see no unusual variances in any of the financials. So, unless there's any comments or questions, I look for a motion to approve the check register.

Mr. Horton stated how many times do the janitorial staff come? Once a day or something?

Mr. Soriano stated the full property, everything is hit once, once each seven days a week.

Mr. Horton stated what do they do? What responsibilities do they give?

Mr. Soriano stated that might be a little longer for me to go through.

Mr. Horton asked the restrooms?

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Mr. Soriano stated yes, all bathrooms are hit once a day. All of the floors, the rental rooms they go through and they prep these, even when they may not know whether there is an event that day or not. So, your club room gets mopped and clean. They dust windows, clean the furniture, take out the trash in the offices, those things. Then our janitor on site at the amenity center helps out with the trash cans outside. So, he does field house. He doesn't go around the soccer fields. That's for the guy on the cart. But he helps with those trash cans and things like that.

Mr. Horton stated it just seems like a lot of money for how much time they're here.

Mr. Soriano stated that's actually really low for janitorial. We have a couple neighborhoods that ask to get quotes throughout the years. They tend to be much higher. Now, the nice part is those when they're higher, can demand that they come in off hours. So, I've got some companies that we subcontract with that will in at three or four in the morning so you never see these janitors. I like that for the morning crew. The problem is the crew that comes in to, say, the fitness center at five or six in the afternoon. If you're only doing one time a day, no matter how good you're cleaning the place. It's going to be dirty when the place is busy. So, what I would get would be complaints from the later group that, they never see a janitor. So, I've asked our janitors to come in around 6:30. So they're there and people are around and they push until about 2:00, 2:30. So most residents actually get to see them clean.

On MOTION by Vice Chairman Horton seconded by Mr. Thomas with all in favor the check register was approved.

#### **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Consideration of Resolution 2024-05, Approving the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and Setting a Public Hearing Date for Adoption**

Ms. Giles stated on page 108 is the budget, but item five is consideration of resolution 2024-05, approving the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 and setting a public hearing date for adoption. We list August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. as the public hearing date so that we would have a night meeting for your residents to attend. Page 111 starts the budget. The table of contents explains the four funds we have there. If I can direct your attention to page 125, which is the new table that we're using and just gives the bottom line right up front. It has what the O&M assessments were in 2024 and what they're scheduled to be in 2025 with a percent and a dollar amount of that increase. The increase for Double Branch is 7% for all the residents. It's broken

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out there by dollar amounts for single family and multifamily. We can certainly go line by line over specific items. I know Jay did put the extra maintenance costs in here that we talked about. Before we go over those lines that you may have questions about, Jay, is there an overview of the budget that you want to provide?

Mr. Soriano stated we addressed some of the requests we had in our last, actually a year or more worth meetings of things like more maintenance hours. I did increase janitorial. I increased that because I'm seeing more need for people to pick up trash, things like that. I send the guys out to do more work like that. I hate that I have to send them out to pick up trash. I'd much rather put them towards bigger projects. But we've definitely seen an increase this last year of issues with that. So, I have increased those areas. The amenities staff, we talked about that before; the lifeguards, the front desk. That has to increase. That has been a steady number since we kind of took over everything ourselves in house. At first that was always good. We had a big padding. That was something that was a contract fee that was profit that another company was making. We were able to use that to help do things like pay our lifeguards better. But eventually that has run out. We pay a little more, and we're also on this five-year plan where we have to increase minimum wage every year. And we had already said, part of us taking over our lifeguards, we pay better for the minimum wage. So that kind of puts me up in a higher range now, well above that \$137,500 that we've seen over the years. So that has come up. Then I took up some areas, like supplies. So, you'll see in certain lines we do have a little bit more. Special events, we're having more and more people turn up. Now, I didn't increase a huge amount there, but I did put in a little more to be able to pay for more of our parties and events. Things are getting a little busier. If you guys had come out for the out of school party, this side was extremely packed. Your side had a couple hundred kids, and this side had 400 people. They went through 40 pizzas. You guys only went through about 20 pizzas. Each kid gets one ticket and only get one slice. So that's how many we were going through. So, it is staying pretty busy. So, I've taken up lines like that to be able to do more of those type of things. Pay for supplies, increase staffing, pay increase the staffing for the amenity maintenance, which is by one person, and you do still split that with the other district. That is one person added. I did increase landscape maintenance based on the contract. However, I sunk another large amount into our repair and replacement line that handled things like a \$10,000 special project, increased branches along the roadside or at the amenity center or anything like that. That is something we've done

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more of over the last couple of years, and it's something that gets asked a lot lately. So, I did increase based on that because of landscaping.

Mr. Horton stated roughly how much did you increase?

Mr. Soriano stated it's on the chart, I think around \$300,000. What it comes out to per household is on that little chart. When we go down, it adds up to \$63.90 for a single family household and \$46.17 for a multifamily household. So that's to get those increases that I sunk in now. And that gives me a little padding on each one of those lines. However, that was the plan that I talked about, where I do believe you guys, if you did small increases over a two- or three-year period, you're going to bring in more money and make it easier on everybody to pay. I know you had asked, could we go up higher? We can definitely increase more of these lines. In fact, your sister district in this meeting before you decided they wanted to go a little higher. Theirs was harder for me to work with. They didn't end up at \$63. They were around \$77. But they do have this weird spread where they have a lot more multifamily with a lot more discounts. But I basically did the same line increases over there. They asked to sink a bigger chunk beyond what I did into just the capital reserve to say, let's put more money aside. We want to fund that balance better. So you could increase there if you wanted to take something up, \$63 is not a lot in over an entire year, \$5 a month. So, I don't think that's bad. But that was my goal, was to get everything I needed in there. If you said, let's put aside \$100 or 120, I'm fine with that. We can stick it in capital reserve. There's nowhere in particular I would say I need that right now. It would be a good idea to have. I'd be happy having extra padding, but I wouldn't say it's required for me right now. This was what I was looking at, that I think we need to take up each line, and that's what it ends up being, each house.

Mr. Horton stated how much does it cost us to send out the letters?

Mr. Soriano stated it will cost us about three grand, a little more three and a half to do printing and mailing. It wasn't in this year's budget, and your payment for that will actually come out of this year's budget. It wasn't in this year's budget because we based it off of what we did last year. We didn't have an increase. We didn't need that three and a half or \$4,000 in that line. So, this is based off of last year.

Ms. Giles stated if you're looking at the budget, it shows your actuals through April 30 in comparison PDF page 113.

Mr. Soriano stated between the two postage and printing, you would have \$3,900.

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Ms. Giles stated with the increase, whether it's 7% or 10%, you're still going to have the mailed notices go out. I feel comfortable in here with what your actuals are compared to the variance. On the financials, if you go across the total expenditure line, there's funds available. We're going to be fine there for the mailed notices. What are you thinking, Tom?

Mr. Horton stated are we going to do it this year and look at next year again? I don't want to do this every year. But yet, every year our costs go up.

Mr. Lanier stated what do most CDDs do?

Ms. Giles stated the accountant takes all your invoices that are coming in, she takes the contract, year two amounts, and she throws it in an Excel spreadsheet. So, she's looking at historical invoices. Then we jump on a conference call and say, the board wants to do a project, so this needs to go up. So, if it's just a 2%, a 3%, then the boards will have discussion of taking it from carry forward surplus. But at 7%, I've never seen a board take it from carry forward. Usually that assessment is pushed to the residents. It's up to you guys how you all want to do it. It's what's best for your community.

Mr. Soriano stated what I've seen for a lot of the districts in Clay County, is we had a stretch where a lot of districts really did not want to raise their assessments. So, they did the same thing. We were better off. Not only were we able to make it ten years, but we weren't in any holes where some of these guys were and they had to do this big increase when they said we have to make it up. We don't even have a good funded capital reserve. So, they did these big increases on districts \$150 to \$200. That's just tough when you add in school district going up, county millage rates going up, things like that. So, then our tax bill altogether jumps more than just \$200 or \$300. Now we're seeing everybody even out to where it might go a year, then they're increasing again. I was trying to find a way to keep it easy. I know we're going to increase whether it's next year or the year after. If I can do this and next year we get a break. Great. Then the year after that we're probably going to have to increase. So, I was trying to find a way to make it slower and easier on their pockets, because we don't know what's going to happen next year. But I can tell you we're still sitting in good shape. Our reserves are good. So, I don't have any fear that there's going to be anything that will put us in a hole. That's where I feel comfortable saying it could be a small amount. But I like the idea of putting more aside. Like I said, your sister district, we're going on a 20-year-old district. We want to make sure that reserve is funded more. Right now, they were looking at it going down at 73% as of this last year, and

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it's going down each year. If we spend out what we're supposed to spend by that study to where in 2027 they were planning to be at 43% funded, they didn't want that. So they said, let's go up from \$70 something to \$100 and stick all that rest per household into capital. It's a good idea. We'll be able to use it.

Mr. Lanier stated so where are we at in regard to 2027? My theory is it kind of goes into what you talk about with the candy bar. Everything is hitting everybody all at once and if you go up too much, it's going to cost each family somewhere else. I don't want to see that happen.

Mr. Thomas stated the capital reserve this year is \$1,000,782. If we increase, then we're only looking at \$1,500,000. So, we're actually looking at a decrease next year in capital reserve. But what is the minimum that we're allowed to have in capital reserve?

Mr. Eckert stated for HOAs, there's a different law that applies for reserves. CDDs don't have a requirement.

Mr. Thomas stated but there's a suggested rate that we don't want to go below, right? And that's, what, \$1,500,000 or something? That looks awfully low to me.

Mr. Soriano stated I would look more at percentage based on what you're spending each year, too. If you look at that next page, 127, that's what you see our plans are right now, 75% from 2023 going to 69%, and then you see it slowly go down to 52%. If we're doing everything as planned, we fund in that amount, putting in just the dollars that's planned in that study, and we spend out. Now, we don't always spend out. There are some things we've done earlier, so we just kind of move it around, adjusted. But that is the plan. If you fund it the way you are right now, 2027, maybe 52%.

Mr. Thomas stated and that's without consideration of any type of interest rate or anything like that?

Mr. Soriano stated no, I think those were in there.

Ms. Giles stated he's got the interest rate in the capital reserve study. The chart you all were looking at on page 127, was pulled from your capital reserve study, and I think he has in here an interest rate of 3%.

Mr. Horton stated we're talking about \$63 this year, how about we double that number, say, like, \$120 for two years. Then after two years, we look at it and evaluate it and see what we need to do at that point. Nothing's going to get any cheaper. Everything goes up every year, and I



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don't want to get behind eight ball, but I want to have enough money to get done what we need to get done. Again, things are getting older. Things need to be replaced and fixed.

Mr. Thomas stated most of our major repairs come from the pool. Are we finally getting that thing under wraps, or is there anything else that can go wrong? To me, it feels like we could have built a new pool. I understand they're \$2 million, but the number of repairs, it feels like that we should have a brand-new pool with everything that we've replaced on it, because that isn't that our largest expense right now as far as repairs?

Mr. Soriano stated when it comes to O&M, one of our biggest lines right away is landscaping. Next would be some of those big repairs like that. I mean, two or three major repairs, I can do \$100,000. So those are big lines. When it's something like that, that's where I go to is capital. Remember, this is your first round of approval here. This is what gets noticed. So, this is also where you want to be on the high end. So, if that is a thought, you can send that out and you can always haggle back and forth and say, well, maybe we don't want that level. Maybe we want to get out closer to that original number, or no, we like it, let's keep it. You have that ability because either way those notices go out, whether it's \$60 or it's \$120, if it's \$2. If it's an increase, we have to send those notices out.

Mr. Thomas stated so you were saying \$120 for this year, but nothing next year.

Mr. Horton stated the next year we'll reevaluate and see what we have to do

Mr. Lanier stated instead of having to constantly ask for \$60 or \$70 a year.

Mr. Horton stated I don't like that concept. Every two years is better. We'll, just pencil in \$120 for right now.

Mr. Eckert stated I would just caution the board not to notice what you're going to do for another year from now because you're really supposed to deal with that at that year. You all can have your own understanding.

Mr. Soriano stated yeah, you can't say the plan is we're not going to increase next year. We don't know that. We could do \$120 this year and still have to come back and do \$60 next year. That's a good thought. That was what we did a couple years ago, too. We increased and my concern was I needed to make sure we could go at least a year. That was the first time we increased in ten years. We knew it was going to cause a little bit of backlash.

Mr. Horton stated if you do \$120 this year, we might be able to go three years.

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Mr. Soriano stated yeah, you never know. I recommend trying to push that as far as we can. We might get lucky and go four years. I don't want to do that again because it feels like I get back to where I'm watching lines. We've been able to operate that in the last couple of years. That's where I think more of those older residents that have been here for years, that's really what they're looking at, too, is, we want to see the place look new. It's 20 years old. It's hard to do that.

Mr. Eckert stated is the difference between what was proposed and the \$120 going into capital reserve? Is that the line item it gets dropped into for purposes of the budget?

Mr. Horton stated yeah.

Mr. Thomas stated because these are all the up to date numbers like security is not going to increase. You've already got their increases, so they're not going to come back and say, oh, by the way, we need more money now. That's locked in for next year's rates, right?

Mr. Soriano stated yeah, this is already put in for vendors that have responded.

Mr. Thomas stated because that's what security did and said all of a sudden, now we need more money. But that's not the contract. I don't want any of that.

Ms. Giles stated we do have that with CCSO. They run on a different budget cycle than we do.

Mr. Lanier stated I'm okay if it's something that we can adjust as the necessary.

Ms. Giles stated if that's something you're interested in doing, what we could do is on page 125. We understand that the difference will go to capital reserves, but would you like to see the single-family line go from \$63 to a specific amount, like \$100, and then whatever that mathematical equation is be applied to multifamily homes?

Mr. Thomas stated yes.

Ms. Giles stated okay. Is \$100, that number you want to go up to.

Mr. Thomas stated I would think so.

Ms. Giles stated we can make these changes however you want, but I'm just trying to keep it simple.

Mr. Horton stated my thought is just a little bit higher than what you think it might be. That way you're covered. Go low and we'll be out next year doing it again. Things aren't getting any cheaper.

Mr. Thomas stated so on the notifications of the public, maybe send out proposing \$120. But then when we have a meeting, we can adjust from there.

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Mr. Eckert stated that's correct. You can adjust down.

Mr. Thomas stated so we can adjust it all the way back down to the \$63.

Mr. Soriano stated you can even go below that. You need to be at your high point when you notice; we can't go above what we do here for that.

Mr. Lanier stated what's the difference between a single-family home and a multifamily?

Mr. Soriano stated that's the methodology we use when we include like, the townhomes or the condos and the cottages. The methodology started off based on things like infrastructure and drainage and stuff like that is, what are they, equivalent residential units?

Mr. Lanier stated basically they're attached, they're not standalone units, correct?

Mr. Eckert stated yes and they're assumed to take more utilities, provide more stormwater. Things of that nature.

Mr. Horton stated I went through the budget and I looked at some of the things on some of the charts. On page one, I went and looked at the increase in 2024 budget to 2025. There was an increase of \$6,500. If you go to page four, there are three items on there that increased \$37,000, \$80,000 and \$46,000. The total for just those four items right there is almost \$171,000. That's just one year.

Ms. Giles stated some of those are contractual and some of them are based on invoices that the accountant sees and some of them are on what the board's asking for to increase.

Mr. Horton stated it shows an increase to me. Somehow we have to cover that. We can't chump change it all the time. You've got to put some money in there to make sure we cover it.

Mr. Soriano stated well, like I said, we made it last year. It was really close. There were a lot of areas that some lines that went under and some that were over. But that was my goal is last year we didn't have that increase. We knew we were going to get to a point we needed something if we want to continue to work the way we are, especially when we do have those things that pop up, a \$50,000 repair on a pool for an item that is underground, that wouldn't be the normal repair. We wouldn't plan for that. So, we have to be able to pull that out and do something like that. So, we need that capital. So, I don't think it's bad idea. It's just the ultimate plan, how we go about it as well.

Mr. Horton stated we might have a couple slack years where we don't have the slide or the field and we don't have to do \$50,000 and repair the pool and things like that, and then we can cruise another year.

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Ms. Giles stated I'm using the chart on page 125 as my point of reference. So, right now it shows a \$63 increase. What was the number the board decided on? I've heard you all say a couple numbers there, and I understand your guidance is to take the difference and put it in the capital reserve fund

Mr. Lanier stated \$120 was the maximum.

Mr. Horton stated I don't know how you split it up between multi family and single family.

Mr. Eckert stated there's a formula, so once you plug in the \$120 on the single family it'll adjust the multi family.

Mr. Soriano stated that complete difference is going to go all towards the capital reserve line, that's easy for us to take back out if you guys decide later to reduce it. We know we can adjust that one line.

Mr. Horton stated let's do that for now to increase.

Ms. Giles stated to increase it to the \$120 with the difference going to the capital reserve fund?

Mr. Horton stated yes.

Ms. Giles stated so the motion would be to approve resolution 2024-05, approving the proposed budget with changes discussed on the record, and setting a public hearing date for August 19th for adoption at 6:00 p.m.

On MOTION by Vice Chairman Horton seconded by Mr. Lanier with all in favor Resolution 2024-05, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as revised and setting a public hearing for August 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. was approved.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. District Counsel**

Mr. Eckert stated just one update for the board. I still owe you an impact fee credit memo to explain what you have there. Again, the original agreement gave this district \$5,078,137 of impact fee credits. We're trying to figure out if we can market those. The memo that I owe you has been drafted with one small exception, and that is making sure that the county agrees with my legal position and contentions. I have a meeting with the county attorney on Thursday to try

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to get that clarification. Once I get that done, I'll distribute the memo to the board, and the board can contact me if any questions. But that should in advance of your next meeting and in fact, in advance of your next agenda package.

Mr. Lanier stated anything out of Tallahassee?

Mr. Eckert stated no, they've been out of session for a while. You've got your goals and objectives that the Governor did sign that you're going to have to do before October 1, and then also the ethics training, which we talked about.

**B. District Engineer – Consideration of Proposal to Update the Public Facilities Report**

Ms. Giles stated on page 131 is a proposal to update the public facilities report for a total of \$3,500. This is a requirement by Florida Statute, Chapter 189. Unless there's any comments or questions about that, I just look for a motion to approve.

On MOTION by Mr. Lanier seconded by Vice Chairman Horton with all in favor the proposal from Matthews DCCM to update the public facilities report approved.
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**C. District Manager – Reminder of Qualifying Period for the General Election**

Ms. Giles stated just a couple things from me. First is a reminder that we're now in the qualifying period. You do have three seats that are up for reelection. One being seat one. Supervisor Thomas, you said you're going tomorrow. Seat three, which is vacant, and if you fill that seat before the elections, that's fine. That person will be out of the qualifying period. But if no one else runs for that seat, someone can be appointed, and then seat five, Supervisor Horton, and you've already pre-qualified. The last thing I have is a reminder about your form one and your ethics training. Happy to not remind you guys every month if we're all caught up and maybe tailor that to twice a year, once a quarter, whatever the board needs as a reminder, since it's new for us. Form one is what's due by July 1, and then your ethics training is by December 31. So, most of you all have done that. A couple folks need to finish one or the other, but maybe I'll back that down.

Mr. Lanier stated can you verify?

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Ms. Giles stated I can verify the form one. I can't verify the ethics training, but I'll let you know. You can always go to the website also. It stays on there. You can update it if you need to. But I'll check for you.

#### **D. Operations Manager - Memorandum**

Mr. Soriano stated it's been packed for our events. We had a dive in at your pool and there wasn't a lot of free space in the pool. It was a fun night. Everybody enjoyed themselves. Then we had the school's out party. I do think that the heat has played a big part in it. But the usage of the facilities is back up to kind of pre-Covid numbers to where we are seeing quite a few hundred people each day. Over here it's extremely packed, but I can tell you this past weekend, your pools were busy. We do have a dive in coming up because yours was canceled because of weather I do have to change the date. We were originally going to do it this weekend, but we do have a big swim meet Saturday. I try not to wreck the place the night before. So, we will probably go to either the 21st or 28th and we'll send out an email, make sure everybody knows. But we alternate back and forth. You guys had the first one and then the next movie will be here. We take July off because it's already kind of crazy around here and back to your facilities in August. Then the last movie for the summer is September right after they go back to school.

Mr. Lanier stated they sent an e-blast out to day that said it was the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Soriano stated they made up my mind for me. Your four movies for the summer is Kung Fu Panda. So, yours will be number three when we get back. You'll see those numbers picking up for everything, usage and also rentals. I do have some updates on items for you. I am still waiting for a delivery date for the Nature's Hammock slide. Hopefully we are getting a little closer, but as soon as that comes in, that's just a few bolts and some concrete and that will be taken care of. I do have in front of you a couple structures. I would like to discuss going ahead and replacing the Waverly playground. I know I mentioned this last time, but I do think we need to just go ahead and move forward. This is probably our next in the priority list and we are going out there it seems like every month to replace a gate or a stair railing or even one of the climbing structures that has been pulled off. We do keep extras when we take down the units. We keep all parts that are goods. I've been able to make repairs, but you get to the point where if you're just repairing it that much, we might as well go ahead and look at that and put that in our replacement

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plan at the start. Now, even if we were to order and approve something tonight, at 98 degrees, I probably wouldn't work on looking to install this until fall. Closer to September, October and that's if we can get them quick. I did give you a couple options there in front of you. This is about what we've been running. They are slowly getting more expensive. The cheapest unit we have bought so far has been \$28,000. We have gotten the Providence, of course. The Providence is the one at Cannon Point right now. And then the Jefferson playground system is a little larger, but it's a good price. This was a clearance item at \$35,000. That is the step down from the Ellie. It does not have the five-inch post, but it has all the same slides, clear climbing tube and things like that. I would need to approve an amount to make a purchase. Your sister district is moving forward with doing their first replacement this year. You guys started a few years before. They only have three out in the neighborhoods. I am hoping now that they're purchasing also that I can work with these guys and get some kind of better discount and pricing. I would base it on what we see here.

Mr. Horton stated the one you put in Worthington Oaks is what?

Mr. Soriano stated the Ellie. That one was our more expensive one. That was closer to about \$55,000.

Mr. Horton stated I was wondering why we couldn't just sort of settle on one type to put in all of them. Then if we have problems, it's easier.

Mr. Soriano stated they're the same manufacturer. The only difference with them really, for the Ellie was that has a larger circumference upright. Those are the big poles. So, if I go to replace something, not the slides. The slides are interchangeable. I can take the slide off the Ellie and put them on the Providence or anything because it's the same manufacturer. The only problem I'll have if we use multiple post sizes will be those platforms that they walk on, because they have cutouts for the right circumference post. So that would be the only problem in the future if we're using different ones, but we can go to the same. I don't know that I would stick with the Ellie. The families do like that we have different structures out there, but we could say we want to stick to the larger post diameter and I can do that and look at a structure that has that. There were a couple others. We just have to pick out the Ellie out of the items that I had given you before.

Mr. Lanier stated how much longer do the post structures give us in wear and tear?

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Mr. Soriano stated their warranty is exactly the same. I can tell you that bigger posts, it's going to be more durable. It's not really the posts or the uprights. It's the floors. So that's what we have the most problem with are the thermoplastic covered walkways and floors. Those get damaged whether kids scratch or anything like that, they rust from the inside out. That rubber coating looks like it's good, but the rust on the inside is eating away at the metal, and that's where a guardrail may break off because it's screwed into that rusty metal. So, we have to go out there and not only replace guardrails, but we have to inspect both platforms. The platforms are actually the hardest item to get. The slides, I can match up a lot more now that we've had issues with slides and get somebody to send me something that matches up. But getting the platforms, a lot of times I have to make sure I get the right manufacturer, the right circumference for the posts.

Mr. Horton stated so you looking for a replacement for Waverly right now?

Mr. Soriano stated Waverly is the next in the priority line. I think that's the worst.

Mr. Horton stated what do you recommend for that?

Mr. Soriano stated either one of these will be good. It really depends on whether we want to save a little bit more of the \$35,000 route. Basically, what I look for is enough features for two slides and climbing items to have ten or more kids. Both of these meet that requirement. So, we have a lot of ability for a lot of kids to be out there at one time. One is just a little cheaper. I would add on another \$3,000 for shipping because that's what it has cost us in the past for shipping these structures. This is the same manufacturer for the last four or five playgrounds that we've been getting. It's Pro Playgrounds. They've been giving me some of the best deals. Short of the fact that the Ellie did take about a year to get to us. Everything else has been pretty good with them. When we've had issues with missing hardware, they send it out. They do pretty good working with the maintenance crew. So, if we were to add the shipping, that's what I would look at as more of a not to exceed, I would say the \$39,000 on one and \$51,000 on the other.

Mr. Lanier stated for me, having interchangeable parts is great. My concern with the Jefferson, I love the price, but that glass tube is a concern for me. Just because of vandalism.

Mr. Soriano stated yeah. It's acrylic, so that matches the one that's out at Worthington Oaks. I do worry about that with vandalism.

Mr. Lanier stated they're scratching and painting just because it's more of a visual thing.

Mr. Soriano stated I can always see if they have a swap out and make it colors instead of a clear section. There's three little sections for that tube slot that you have to bolt together. The



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Ellie is the only one that we have right now that has a clear section on it. I've even gotten rid of a lot of the windows that we have. That's what happens is kids scratch it up. Parents will complain to me, but you don't really have a way to fix it. It's not glass for safety reasons, it's acrylic. So, once you damage it enough like that, it's not going to be able to be seen through real clear.

Mr. Horton stated judging by the damage that was done to the one in Nature's Hammock on that slide. That was a thick plastic that somebody broke.

Mr. Soriano stated yeah. The other thing is, no matter what we do, we're not going to stop all of the vandalism.

Mr. Thomas stated I really like the price on the top one here. But you did say they're going to discontinue it. If we're talking about replacing parts on the discontinued and the Providence one can interchange so we may have pieces left over to supplement.

Mr. Lanier stated I do like your thoughts with the cost.

Mr. Thomas stated but discontinued means that I'm not going to make this anymore. So, I might not even be making those replacement floors.

Mr. Soriano stated the manufacturer floor will be the same. It's the same manufacturer. So, they still have the thermoplastic floors of the same size. Let's say they have a specific design in the slot like the tube that Andre was mentioning there. If they don't put that on any more of their units after that, then yeah. Finding that replacement section and that tube might be a little hard. If you look at the roofs, sometimes they're different. You notice the Jefferson has the one octagon and Providence has two. They match. I've already got a couple of those. Jefferson has the one little four corner on it. We do have a couple of units that have that, but it will be the same way. They have clearance, maybe something they don't have too much longer.

Mr. Thomas stated but your hopes is whatever we decide on is to go in with the phase two people and see if they can reduce the cost?

Mr. Soriano stated right.

Mr. Lanier asked did they go with the Providence?

Mr. Soriano stated they gave me a not to exceed. They didn't pick. I warned against picking out a specific item. I would rather you give me the amount of money that you want to spend based on this. Because if they tell me, Providence is going to take eight months, I don't think we want to do that route. So, they just gave me the not to exceed for the purchase.

Mr. Lanier stated I'd make a recommendation not to exceed \$51,000 for a playground.

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On MOTION by Mr. Lanier seconded by Mr. Thomas with all in favor purchasing a playground for Waverly at an amount not to exceed \$51,000 was approved.

Mr. Soriano stated I just want to update you guys. They did get the slide motor all bolted in, so I'll talk to you guys. They basically had to rebuild that old system. The motor we received was the newer style 15-horsepower. It's the same motor size and it spins the same amount of water. But this is a bigger unit and it did not fit in the box that you had. Moving eight inch pipes around doesn't work very well either. They couldn't really move anything anymore, so they had to get with the manufacturer. We now have that motor on a stand. Now, this is a little bit beneficial. If you recall some of your larger motors, both in your district and here at your sister district, they sit underground. So, when we have a problem like a storm, hurricane, we get a lot of rain or anything like that, we can actually flood those packs and those motors go underwater. We dry them out and get them running. It causes problems on bearings, but most times we can run them again. That can happen once or twice, and then after that, we have to replace that motor. This motor now will be above grade. So, it sits on a 90 degree stand, allows the water to come up, and the motor sits up vertically. It was the only way to fit it in the box because it couldn't extend anywhere. At the bottom of it was below the pipe that we had to connect to. That did increase the cost a little bit. The big cast iron stand it sits on was a \$3,000 purchase. So I did rush to get that done last week. It is in today. They finished moving all the pipes. Tomorrow once the glue has set we can fire it up. So, they did test everything out. They were going to get water to run for the day. They just didn't want to run because of the fluid. So, we are hopefully back in action. But I have to wait until tomorrow to get fully run and check the leaks or anything like that. They finished out there and the pools are staying in good condition as far as it being outrageously hot. If you recall, part of that issue we had last year also had caused a lot of problems with chemical balance and just keeping water in the pool. And we even had black algae issues. We're not seeing any of that. We wash that out in the off season. We did a full acid wash and polished some marcite, that whole entire pool, and it is looking good right now, but the slide will help cool the water down too, because it's getting hot out there. So just to update you guys on the slide, we are a step closer. Unless you have any questions on any of the maintenance

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items, I do have a disciplinary issue for you guys that I'm going to address and I'll leave it to you how we want to move forward.

Mr. Soriano stated this gentleman here, Jason, has had some issues in the last week. I have talked to him and Marilee has talked to him. If you look through, there are multiple interactions with staff members at pools and fitness centers from June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Multiple statements filled out. This is more of a case that I think he just doesn't like our rules. One of the big ones will be as you go through their checking in guests and even children, and then leaving. Then when lifeguards talk to him, he basically argues and curses at the lifeguards that he should be allowed to do what he wants. He didn't bring all those people in. Some of them came in later, which is the case, however, they came in with his kids. His one child is 15 years old. I have talked to him multiple times as a 15-year-old that he can't bring guests in, and yet somehow guests still get into the pool or sneak into the pool, and they're with him when they get in there. We had addressed it and asked them to leave. We kicked them out one time. During the out of school party, there were about ten of them there. They were asked to leave. They refused to leave. They sat there for about 40 minutes, didn't leave until I came out there and then finally left. However, not all ten did come in with the adult. Five came in with the adult and the others were there with the son, who's 15. The other day, Friday, I dealt with the 15-year-old at the fitness center trying to check guests into the basketball courts. Our biggest concern is the reaction with the staff. He gets very angry and yells and curses the staff. This has happened multiple times. He's gotten to the point where I know he's talked to Marilee about the lifeguards. I think he takes it personally when they watch him. Of course, we're watching them because of things like he's breaking the rules. The last time he was at a pool, he had young ones in floaties, and he wasn't even dressed to get in the pool. So, he was off on the side and he kids are in, which is also breaking the rules. When the lifeguards say something to him, he gets angry and yells at them. It's always, hey, this is the fault of your staff. They're approaching me wrong. Not, I'm sorry, I didn't realize this was a rule, but it has gotten to the point where we've had multiple interactions with him now. Now this is just the last week. I've had interactions with him before in the past. He is one that also comes out and trains on the field. He has told me he's just training his kid for football. But our security staff have seen multiple kids out there. If it looks like a duck, we're going to treat it like a duck. If they're out there with cones and tackling dummies and multiple kids that are not part of your family, you're training. They're not supposed to be training

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and practicing on our fields. It's strictly for I-9 and Elite soccer because they have a contract and insurance. But we have multiple people that continue to do it. If it's not a big issue and it's you and your kids and you got a couple cones, that's not going to be a big concern. The concern is when you have a big group or we can obviously tell that it's practice. They're running drills and whistling and things like that. We're going to go up and ask them what's going on. Who are you with? Things like that.

Mr. Thomas stated it seems like other residents have overheard the interactions between him and staff?

Mr. Soriano stated yes. Besides multiple staff members, you have probably six or seven different reports from staff members, from the different interactions. Not just the fitness center, the pools, things like that.

Mr. Thomas stated but I'm saying other people in the community have submitted statements. My concern is with the age.

Mr. Soriano stated there's multiple children in the house.

Mr. Thomas stated the one that signed in.

Mr. Soriano stated yeah. So, there were some little kids being left.

Mr. Lanier Thomas right. Why is a six-year-old being signed in?

Mr. Eckert stated I think that's just a registration form.

Mr. Soriano stated yeah, this is to give us record of who's in the house. There are eight and I think he came and added a couple more.

Ms. Giles stated I don't want the board to go too far with this today. So, is this informational only? We would need to send an interim suspension if there's a violation.

Mr. Soriano stated these are multiple violations. That's what I was looking for. He did talk about coming today. He has told me multiple times he's going to come when he's had interactions with any staff.

Mr. Lanier stated you had mentioned at the very beginning that supposedly he's bringing kids and then leaving them. You're leaving a six-year-old at the pool?

Mr. Soriano stated these were the older kids during the one you see on there. He brought in about five, they were older. There wasn't a six year old at that point. That was during the schools out party last week for the kids. Those were the ones that he left. We told the kids they needed to call because they have to have an adult there. They said they called. I don't know that

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they did, but they stayed there. They wouldn't leave for about 40 minutes. That's when I finally got involved and went back out to the pool and told them, leave now. They did leave after that. He came back a little upset, getting mad at the lifeguards, and that's where their report is in there. But then he did this again, if you notice, like a day later also. That had the younger kids there. This was when he was out on the side of the pool and the younger kids were swimming in the pool. You can't do that if the kids have floaties on, you need to be in the pool. The lifeguards are not babysitters. They have to be in the pool with them. He was not and he was upset that they were told, you have to be in the pool.

Mr. Horton stated CCSO never got involved?

Mr. Soriano stated the only time we did call for that interaction, they were much slower.

Mr. Eckert stated You're bringing it to the attention of the Board, but are you, are you going to send a letter saying you're invited the next meeting?

Mr. Soriano stated I would like to after this.

Mr. Eckert stated are you going to suspend privileges between now and then?

Mr. Soriano stated I would.

Mr. Eckert stated it's your call.

Mr. Soriano stated that's what I'm going to tell him. I would look to suspend his privileges. If you guys agree we have to send him a letter. He has to come here and explain himself or not. But if he doesn't, then it stands. If he does, it's, do you want to treat the staff a little better? I'm good with it. He's got kids, you know, come with the kids to the pool. But right now, it's been every time he's come in the last week, there's been a problem.

Mr. Eckert stated just to clarify, I know you're bringing it to everybody's attention and everything, but I think staff would be the one to send out the suspension. If you are agreeing or not agreeing to it we're going to go ahead and send the hearing notice, and then it'll come and then you all make your determination on whether to continue the suspension

Mr. Horton stated how about the signage at the Oaks with the lights?

Mr. Soriano stated those are repaired. We may want to update those fixtures. Those are the old blue bullet lights. The one on the right side we've now put two newer bulbs in the last three months and we've blown them, so I don't know if there is a short or the wiring's bad, but, they're lit up right now. If I have another problem with them anytime soon, I'm just going to pull those fixtures and install new ones.

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Mr. Horton stated I'm assuming the walkthrough inspection for the health department went well?

Mr. Soriano stated yes. We're all good there and we have our upcoming year's operating permits.

Mr. Horton stated like the guy brought up at the last meeting, what about the waterfall?

Mr. Soriano stated the waterfall's on and running. I mentioned this last month that I was going to keep it dry while people came out and looked at the letters. So, I did have one email, actually, the resident every once in a while has joined us. He did shoot me an email asking why the waterfall was off. We did have our sign companies that were ones that did pretty much all your design signs out here. The big yellow ones, the waterfall, a lot of that was them so I've asked them to come out and take a look what we could do, and I've asked for renderings so when they're working on updating that look, I do want lit letters. So, they did have to be able to see that and the electricity is in the bottom of that pond. So, it's not real easy to see without it being drained out. So, I did leave that this last month. That's about as long as I want to go. I do have more sign people coming out. If I have to drain it for a day it's not the easiest, but that's what we'll have to do. I don't want to keep it off forever. I only had a couple people come out and look, but I'm hoping that's a start. Like I said, if I can get some renderings to give to you guys to get a little more direction on what we'd actually like to see to make that look better. The entry fountain, and then also the amenity center one I'm looking at. Then updating your large yellow signs.

Mr. Thomas stated with the landscaping, all sorts of ants are popping up around the pickleball / tennis courts.

Mr. Soriano stated we can get some. I did send the guys out to do some cleaning. We need some leaf removal, but we can get some ant bait put out there.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments / Supervisor Requests**

Kiara Hendricks stated for the last seven years, I stayed in phase two. But I recently just brought a home in August. In January, my two sons, which are 9 and 13, along with eight other boys, with the permission of one of their friends that were riding four wheelers at phase one, they were stopped by someone named Jay. I don't know if Jay is here today. You spoke with my mother and the Clay County Sheriff's Office was called.

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Mr. Soriano stated yes.

Kiara Hendricks stated when I spoke with you over the phone, I asked you how could we resolve this issue, because you trespassed them for two years and you told me to attend one of these meetings and in front of the board, tell them what my issue was and see if we can get this lifted. The reason I'm here today, because we've been staying out here for about a decade now, and they have never got in trouble. Like Jay said, I went over the rules in the handbook. We now know and amongst talking to the other parents, they cannot ride the four wheelers at phase one. The dad said he felt because of the track he thought they could. Because I guess there's a track at phase one. I don't know. I'm used to coming to phase two, but apparently, it's a track that the kids ride around on phase one. So, the kids that they were with, one of the dads, that it was okay. And Jay can attest it was about eight of them riding the four wheelers?

Mr. Soriano stated yeah there was no adult there at that time. This was just the kids and actually, they've been out there multiple times. I talked to you multiple times. I don't know if it was your kid. I'm talking about this group and some of the kids lived real close to that property.

Kiara Hendricks stated yes, when we talked you said you had this incident a lot with a bunch of different kids.

Mr. Soriano stated this just happened to be the only time we caught them. It may be unfortunate if your kid just happened to be in there the first time. This was the first time they actually got caught. All of them that day ran from the officers. They didn't sit there when the officers pulled up.

Kiara Hendricks oh, I know when I talked to you, you said that my two turned around and spoke with you.

Mr. Soriano stated yeah. They did catch a few. That was the last time we caught it. There have been some back too. I don't know if they're the same ones or not, but we haven't been able to track.

Mr. Eckert stated just one clarification. There's no four wheeler riding in phase one or phase two that's permitted on CDD property.

Kiara Hendricks stated yeah, we know the rules now. We read it.

Mr. Soriano stated they most certainly were not on the track they were going through. This was a case where some of them, I don't know if it was yours specifically. That's the hard part. Since there was a big group of them. There were quite a few of them that were going right

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through the young kids having soccer practice to where one of the parents got up and threw a chair at the kid. Luckily he didn't hit the kid because the kid is riding 40 mph through the middle of practice on the grass and he threw a chair. But he is of course, going to be claiming that he's worried about his kids. If of those kids got hit it would have been extremely bad. So, this was not a good situation that day. Now, I've seen times where kids have been out there and I'll try to get yell at them and more or less give them benefit of doubt and try to tell them the rule. You can't be here. Most of them aren't going to listen. They just run away from us.

A resident stated I think for the future when that incident like that happens, notify the parents so they can do something. Because she does this, they haven't ridden since, and they're great kids. They haven't gotten in trouble over here before. They get great grades and everything. So that's my suggestion to you is when the kids do get in trouble and notify the parents and let them know. Some parents do care. That's why she's here now.

Mr. Thomas stated right, but if they're caught.

A resident stated you're right, if they get caught.

Kiara Hendricks stated I didn't receive any documentation. All I was told over the phone is, they're trespassed for two years. I had to take it upon myself to go to the center, get documentation, and reach out. I was only given two pieces of paper with their name and the comment section is blanked out. So that's why I'm here today to say, what do I do? Like, what do we do at this point?

Mr. Soriano stated that right there is not even ours. That's part of CCSO. We basically give you a copy of what CCSO gives to us. If I call the cops, whether it's me or another staff person, if you heard, it's hands off after that.

Kiara Hendricks stated that's my problem because the cops are telling me something different. When I reached out to the cops, they told me, we're just hired by Oakleaf, Jay told us to trespass them and that's what we did. I was like, do I have documentation? Because I was told my 13-year-old and nine-year-old got their fingerprints taken. For what? So, they're like we don't have any documentation. They said, get it from you guys. Now you guys are saying y'all don't have any documentation, get it from Clay County.

Mr. Eckert stated just to clarify, and I'll help with that, this board does not have police power over anything. We do not have a police force or anything like that. So, anything that is



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enforcement of laws like trespass and criminal damaging and things like that, that's all the county sheriff, which is why they're the ones that issue the trespass warrant.

Kiara Hendricks stated that's crazy because I was told for them to give the trespassing, Jay, which is you, had to give the okay.

Mr. Soriano stated I do give the okay.

Ms. Giles stated if it's okay, we'll let district counsel finish. Mike Eckert is district counsel. So, could you finish explaining that, Mike?

Mr. Eckert stated we don't have the police power, but we are a property owner. So, just like at your home, if somebody comes in your backyard and they're standing there without your permission, you can call the sheriff and say, sheriff, you need to trespass them. And so that's what we, as a property owner, trying to protect the resident's property through the CDD, will call the police when there's an issue, and the police sometimes will ask, do you want to trespass them? When they do ask that, we will usually say yes, because that means we've not been able to get the situation under control. So, we have to defer to the law enforcement who actually has the power to issue a trespass warrant. I think why you're here today, and I don't want to lose sight of this, is you're asking the board if there's anything the board can do to ask the county to lift the trespass. That's what I hear.

Kiara Hendricks stated yes, sir. Because that day on the phone, me and Jay had a great conversation. I said to me, two years is excessive. I just brought a half a million dollar home out here and you're telling me my kids can't go to the park for two years, and this is where they go every day after school with their friends. He said, well, Miss Hendricks, only thing I can advise you to do, go online, see when we have another meeting, go explain your issues to the board and see if they'll lift it. That's all I'm here for, is a yes or no.

Ms. Giles stated does CCSO establish that two-year trespass, or is that something we did?

Mr. Soriano stated CCSO, that's a county code.

Ms. Giles stated so the board didn't impose the two year. That's what CCSO does. So, I think Mike captured your intent. You want to know what this board can do to influence CCSO to make a change? Is that what you're looking for.

Kiara Hendricks stated yeah, but I already reached that.

Ms. Giles stated so what they're telling you is the board can ask CCSO. That would be up to this board to decide.

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Mr. Soriano stated you come here and you speak to this Board, ask for forgiveness if they want to shorten the term or if they want to leave it, those type of things. Then we can work with CCSO. We have to do an official rescind of the trespass violation. But beyond that, the trespass itself is county code. That falls all in there.

Mr. Horton stated where were they riding these things?

Mr. Soriano stated they came out of the Thoroughbred cul-de-sac in the back right there by the bridge where the pool pack area is. They came through there, around the track a couple times and then tore through the soccer fields.

Mr. Thomas stated the actual black top track.

Mr. Soriano stated they were on there first, and then they started going through the practices that were on the field.

Ms. Giles stated that was a group of kids. At some point when they broke up, the kids went in different directions. So, we don't know specifically which direction her kids went in.

Mr. Thomas stated her kids stopped.

Kiara Hendricks stated that day, only three or four boys got trespassed, and it was a total of about ten or twelve of them.

Mr. Thomas stated your children stopped?

Kiara Hendricks stated yeah, they said when they heard stop, they turned around and went directly to the cops and to Jay. I think Jay said, one of them didn't stop and the guy said, well, the four wheelers are loud. I didn't hear you say stop. But ultimately four of them went back, which two of them were my kids, and two of them were another guy. But from talking to the other parents, it was a total of like eight or ten kids, and the rest of them ran. I was not home at the time, but my mom went and met Jay and the officers, and she said it was about five other boys coming up the street on their four wheelers, and they were getting stopped. So, I think it was just a day of, hey, everybody, come outside with your four wheelers. We're going to ride them. But no one knew the intent, or we can't be up here.

Mr. Horton stated I would also highly recommend you read the District policies.

Kiara Hendricks stated yeah, we did. Yes, sir.

Mr. Horton stated it clearly states no motorized vehicles on the soccer field.

Kiara Hendricks stated yes, sir.

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Mr. Horton had you proactively known that, then you probably would have told your kids not to do that.

Ms. Giles stated this is the board's opportunity to discuss if that's something you would like staff to request CCSO to do. Keep in mind, staff asked CCSO to file the trespass. That story was a lot of kids were on four wheelers and motorized bikes. They went down the soccer field where families were playing, and then they dispersed, and there was a high-speed chase through the neighborhood by multiple Clay County Sheriff's officers all through the Oakleaf area, chasing those that they could. Her kids stopped. That's the incident that we're referring to.

Mr. Lanier stated did they get the names of the other kids. Were they able to stop them at all when they were going through the neighborhoods?

Mr. Soriano stated they have some. There was probably five, might have been six trespass citations altogether. But that wasn't everybody. When they caught them, some were riding two at a time. They didn't give a trespass citation to anyone that wasn't driving. They let those go because it wasn't their choice. They were mad that they were running from them. Not just that they were on the field, although they had a lot of calls. It wasn't just me. It was the soccer parents calling, too.

Mr. Lanier stated when did this occur?

Mr. Soriano stated this has been a few months back.

Kiara Hendricks stated January 21, 2024.

Mr. Horton stated I would also like to mention, this has all got to do with safety.

Kiara Hendricks stated we understand.

Mr. Horton stated my personal experience, just a couple days ago, I was going down the road in a vehicle and some kid on some kind of motorized skateboard coming right through the stop sign and halfway into my lane and just zipped all along. Before that, I had some kid on one of those little mini bike things. I didn't even see him. I pulled out and my wife said, did you see that kid on the bike? I said, no, I didn't. The same kid passed me and then went up there and did a U-turn and went back in there. Again, it's the safety of these kids, you know, y'all should care about that.

A resident stated we do.

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Mr. Horton stated if you see it, you should stop it. If you see kids riding in your neighborhood, you should stop them and say, you can't do that. I've done that in my neighborhood.

Mr. Thomas stated I would have to build on what Tom said. It's a safety thing not to say that your children, but those four wheels are blowing through stop signs. I've almost hit one myself. My neighborhood's 15 miles an hour and they're just flying. We can't address what happens because they run stop signs and want to put their own lives at risk. So we had to focus on what happened.

Mr. Lanier stated so the young men stopped, and they were cordial?

Mr. Soriano stated I kind of stayed away from that. Once I involved the officers, I let them do the paperwork. It wasn't until after they did the paperwork and I talked to the officer and mom by the phone, and then also her mom came up and spoke to me directly there, and I informed her of what the process is. The kids stayed over there while I was talking to grandma. So, I haven't talked to them at all.

Ms. Giles stated what are the three options the board has today?

Mr. Eckert stated today your options are one, you can do nothing. Two, you can ask that they come back at a future meeting and ask for it to be rescinded if you don't feel like it's been a sufficient amount of time for you to ask the sheriff's office to rescind it, or three, you can have a vote today to ask the sheriff's office to rescind it. I just want to make sure everybody's clear. The sheriff is the one that has control over whether or not it's rescinded, regardless of what we say to a large extent. But usually they do show some deference to the property owner.

Mr. Lanier stated this happened January. We're now in mid summer. I appreciate the fact that your kids did stop, and I'd like to make the recommendation to ask Clay County Sheriff's office to rescind this for these two. Just due to the length of time that has gone on and not knowing. They are kids and it does happen. But they stopped, not like the others. So, I'd like to make that motion or suggestion.

Mr. Lanier motioned to rescind the suspension for resident Hendrick's two children.
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Mr. Horton stated I don't know. It seems like they should have known better. I'm not sure that the length of time is sufficient. Just my feelings. Things like that just shouldn't be happening. So, it's up to you. Tiebreaker.

Mr. Thomas stated I'm processing.

Ms. Giles stated if I can add, you are missing two board members. So, if you need more time to process that, you can do what counsel said. You can wait.

Mr. Thomas stated I'm processing whether or not I would like for the gentleman to come to the meeting and address that they fully understand, because unfortunately, my children are out on the soccer field. I also want to take you at your word that you are an awesome parent. I believe you by the look on your face that your children have been talked to. But I'm also worried about setting a precedent that, all you got to do is have your mom or dad come up and they'll get you out of it, and then you can go back to the pool. Operating a motorized vehicle is a responsibility, whether it's an electric scooter or a powerful thing, like a four wheeler. I feel that does fall on the parents to understand, hey, I got you this awesome four wheeler. Now let's talk about where we can and cannot go with it. Once again, they can hurt themselves badly or they can hurt somebody else badly. I get it. I used to have one. I would like to have the other board members chime in on this. Quite possibly, as a suggestion, maybe just have the gentleman come up and say, hey, we fully get it. I understand they're nine and 13, but, this is a tough lesson. I would like to table this for next month's discussion when we are up and running, the full members of the board.

Mr. Eckert stated we had a motion, and it doesn't sound like we have a second, so that will just die for lack of a second. I think we'll have it on the agenda at our July meeting.

Ms. Giles stated the next meeting is July 8th at 4:00 p.m. The next item is supervisor's request.

Mr. Thomas stated I, and I'm sure the board, would like to say thank you (to Marilee Giles) for your service. I understand that it's women's veteran's week or something like that. And we appreciate you serving the board. That and the pickleball. I'm really happy with that decision. I just want to say thank you to the board. There's like ten billion people that go up there. Well, not when it's 150 degrees out there. It's really good. I think it's positive for the community. We're talking full parking lots.

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Mr. Horton stated I did something I haven't done in 21 years out here a couple weeks ago. I rented the club room. It was a good experience. My son got married. Everything worked out really well, and it's a nice place for that. I'm surprised people don't use it more often. I told them that we held meetings in there, and they thought it was like some kind of plain Jane meeting room but they came out and looked at it and said that's really nice. Wanda and Nikki were out there. All of them were very helpful and made sure we followed the rules. Everything worked out. It was a good experience.

Mr. Lanier stated Chalon, thanks for all the good work with VerdeGo. Somebody dumped some palm fronds, right off the side of the street.

Ms. Suchsland stated is that on the road that goes around?

Mr. Horton stated yes.

Ms. Suchsland stated I had the guys pick those up today, so they're no longer there.

Ms. Giles stated I do have one thing before we get ready to wrap this up. The agenda item for next month on that. Jay, that was just a CCSO trespass. Did we suspend the kids?

Mr. Soriano stated we did not. We didn't go through disciplinary with them or anything like that.

Ms. Giles stated does it need to be on the agenda as a discussion item or wait for the family to come back?

Mr. Eckert stated I think it would be just a discussion item on the agenda, such as "Discussion of resident request to ask Clay County Sheriff to rescind the trespass citation."

Ms. Giles stated okay. In the meantime, I'll try to do some research on the age for operating a four wheeler with or without an adult. I think it's 16.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Next Scheduled Meeting – July 8, 2024 @  
4:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity  
Center**

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

On MOTION by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Lanier with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.

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