



SPECIAL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER**, David Van Bergen, President at 6:55pm
2. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**, Barbara Nytes-Baron, Secretary
3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**, David Van Bergen, President

There were no guests of note at the meeting. President Van Bergen did state that the Budget & Finance committee had, at the request of the Health & Mosquito Committee, added a \$20,000.00 item to the 2019 budget for mosquito control. The preliminary budget was presented to the Executive Committee and they agreed with this item. The 2019 Budget will be voted on by the Board of Directors on November 12, 2018.

4. **DISCUSSION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL MEASURES**

Health & Mosquito Committee chair David Jurgens introduced himself and the committee members and told SSCA members what the committee is tasked to do. Charlotte Jackson, Michele Whitebread, and Annette Littleton gave reports on the pros and cons of fogging, homeowner responsibility, and alternative options to spraying. The committee is checking all options. President Van Bergen also stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Several attending members made comments or asked questions to the committee as follows:

Ray Schmidt, 2900 Kevin – Asked why the service was stopped; wants back
Jan Copeland, 2500 Teague – She is in favor of spraying. Later she asked about clarification on the 2019 budget amount and timing of the vote.

Ed Dickinson, 2700 Kenross – Asked why service was stopped; wants back
Elizabeth Anderson, 2700 Manila – Asked why the service was stopped; wants back. Later she asked how the homeowner would be notified of the Boards decision. David Jurgens answered this question.

John McReynolds, 2300 Rosefield – Identified himself as a past Association president and explained this issue being discussed in detail in 2010. John said that at that time the cost was approximately \$3.00/household and because of the small cost per household the then Board of Directors voted to continue the spraying even after hearing about its minimal effect.



5. **SOLICITATION OF RESIDENTS' OPINIONS REGARDING MOSQUITO CONTROL MEASURES**

President Van Bergen opened this portion of the meeting by introducing Carl Thompson who was one of the members that initiated the petition of the special meeting on mosquito control. Besides Mr. Thompson, the following members addressed the Health & Mosquito Committee with questions or shared their comments regarding mosquito control with the Board of Directors.

Carl Thompson, 2500 Talina – Carl addressed the members and explained the reason for the petition and call for special meeting. He also presented polling results from the Spring Shadows Neighborhood Group Facebook page and polls taken by the Association in 2010 and 2018. Carl stated that most of those members polled were in favor of spraying.

Tracie Clark, 2600 Shadowdale – Traci shared a personal story of a family member with West Nile virus.

Steve Adams, 2600 Talina – Supports spraying

Maria Shaw, 2700 Shadowdale – Had questions about the petition and wanted to know why members were not asked about the stopping of mosquito spraying. She also had questions about mosquito dunks and the speed of the fogging trucks which the committee addressed.

Debbie Dill, 2500 Anniston – Stated that this issue has been debated for years. She asked about committee size which David Jurgens addressed. She also asked about who will approve the decision which was also answered by David Jurgens. Debbie later stated she felt the Board was in error on their decision because Harris County sprayed 9 times for West Nile & Zika in our area.

Nancy English, 9800 Canoga – Nancy noted that since a quorum was verified, a vote could be taken. A show of hands was asked for those in favor of mosquito spraying and those against mosquito spraying. No count was taken. However, the show of hand did indicate that most attendees that participated in the vote were in favor of spraying.

Sara Russo, 2600 Southwick – Concerned about current data versus older data.



Carla Cooper, 2700 Stetson – Offered alternatives to spraying and asked for them to be publicized.

Lynn Zukley, 2500 Anniston – Had questions about Harris County’s spraying for West Nile & Zika and wanted to verify the number of sprayings in SSCA’s area. Also had questions on larvicide. The committee addressed her questions.

Eric Fisk, 2400 Eaglerock – Concerned about Harris County spraying and what chemicals they use to kill for West Nile & Zika positive mosquitoes. Michele Whitebread addressed Mr. Fisk’s concerns. She also told members that Harris County will come out to your property and assess your property for mosquitoes. Annette Littleton stated that what she presented was a compromise and stated that most of the residence in her area are not for spraying but use of alternative/eco-friendly controls. Many of the members returned comments stating that those against the spraying should have been in attendance.

Leslie Racine, 2400 Elmgate – Leslie stated that she is not in favor of mosquito spraying and that she used alternative eco-friendly products to control mosquitoes in her yard.

Mike Whitebread, 9700 Colleen – Stated he is in favor of spraying and does not feel the Board should be cancelling member amenities.

Todd Rossetti, 2500 Parana – Thanked the committee for their efforts but stated he is upset that the Board cancelled the spraying and feels he will move out of the subdivision because of the decision. He also felt that those against the spraying should be at the meeting.

Marvin Massey, 2500 Anniston – Expressed appreciation for the Board and committees. Stated that he uses a bug zapper to control mosquitoes in the back yard and he doesn’t have a problem. David Jurgens added that it will take an effort from homeowners to control mosquitoes in their back yards.

Justin David, 2600 Durban – Wanted to know the voting process of the Board and asked about the number of directors on the Board. David Jurgens answered the question.

Clyde Sloan, 2700 Kismet – Shared a story of a neighbor who contracted West Nile virus.

Ted Schaffer, 9700 Truscon – Thanked committee and Board. Interested in the garlic spraying; repel or kill? Annette Littleton addressed this question.



Alexis Thompson, 2500 Talina – Asked about the method used by the Board to make the decision not to spray, will the Board ask the homeowners if they want spraying, and will the Board vote according to the wishes of their homeowners? David Van Bergen responded that the Board’s vote would be based on everything that was presented and heard from members at this meeting plus what the committee recommends to the Board.

Grace Hivnor, 3000 Kevin – Told a story stating she was born in the Panama Canal area that was built by American’s and not the French because the French could not tolerate mosquitoes. Stated history on mosquito control in Panama and protection of its eco system against larva control.

Wendell Zumwalt, 2300 Greyburn – Closed the meeting stating he was impressed with the committee and said not all the members will be satisfied with the committee recommendations or Board decision. He is in favor of spraying. He stated that unless you vote for like minded people at the upcoming election you may not get the results you want.

6. ADJOURN BY Chris Zoch, SECOND by Teresa Worley, at 8:46pm.

Submitted by:

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Barbara Nytes-Baron, Secretary