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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

Spring is in the air. That means its almost baseball season! Sunshine. Green grass. Nothing better.

The Cabana is coming along. PG&E work (as of writing) is about to start. This is just about the final step. And then we can have our cabana. Thanks again to the Cabana Committee for all the great work you've done!

Check in with our new Social Director, Megan Sandoval! She has a bunch of great ideas for events and needs your input. Your ideas and/or interest in volunteering to help out is incredibly valuable to the Association!

Also check in with our Pool Operations Director, Steve Stanovcak! Pool parties are starting to book, as well as swim lessons. We're still waiting to see what we have in the way of a building for swim season, but the SWIM GOES ON!

As of writing, 452 of you (out of 489) have paid your annual assessment! Thank you, thank you, thank you! The rest of you.....please pay as soon as you can. If you need some help, contact our treasurer.

A good neighbor will babysit, a great neighbor will babysit twins.

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See you at the next Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00PM.

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The next Board meeting will be
Wednesday, March 8
7PM via Zoom call.

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Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Federal Disaster Assistance.

Homeowners and renters in San Mateo County with damage or losses due to the series of New Year's storms can apply for federal disaster assistance:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4683>

The deadline to apply to FEMA is March 16, 2023.

Sand Bags

The public works department suggests that those who got sand bags during the heavy rains should hold onto them until the rainy season is finished. After that, they should be disposed of in the black garbage bins.

Housing

The council unanimously adopted its Housing Element outlining its housing policies for the coming years. This is its plan for how the city will accommodate 7,015 new housing units over the next eight years for its Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle. The document calls for more housing, with a focus on affordable housing, housing preservation for lower and middle-income residents, protecting residents against displacement, promoting community outreach and further fair housing. The plan accommodates building 9,934 new housing units, creating a buffer to the mandated RHNA allocation. Identified sites include Hillsdale shopping center, Bridgepointe, The Atrium, Borel Square and Olympic Plaza. There is a current pipeline of 2,915 units, with 640 housing units under construction, 1,580, and 680 new housing elements under review, that will count towards the new allocation.

This went against a recommendation from the Planning Commission because they believed it doesn't meet state requirements.

Passing the housing element was critical. If it wasn't submitted to the State by Jan 31st, automatic implementation of "the Builders Remedy," would occur which allows developers of residential projects to bypass our zoning code and general plan if 20% of the units in a project are "low income", or 100% are "moderate income." It also avoided lawsuits that were recently filed against Burlingame and three other cities by YIMBY Law.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

March 8
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Zoom call

March 15
Deadline to get articles and ads to Bee Editor.

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AARP Tax Aide Help

Get your taxes done for free by AARP. Volunteers will assist with simple tax returns every Friday from February 10 to April 14. Appointment times are 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. To make an appointment you can [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or call the library at 650-522-7818 or 650-522-7800 during regular business hours.

For more information about the service or tax-related questions, please contact the AARP volunteers directly at 650-539-4459.

Where: San Mateo Main Library, 1st Floor, Oak Room

When: Every Friday, Feb. 10 - April 14
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Call for Appointment!

City Meetings will be held online via Zoom calls. For more information on these calls, please visit

<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/3971/Agendas-Minutes-Public-Meeting-Portal>

March 6, 20
City Council Special Meeting
Where: Please see [Public Meeting Portal](#) for details.
When: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

March 8

Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Meeting.
Where: Hybrid Meeting: Please see [Public Meeting Portal](#) for details.
When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

March 14, 28

Planning Commission Meeting
Where: Hybrid Meeting: Please see [Public Meeting Portal](#) for details.
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Fiesta Gardens Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, April 22nd ~8:30AM - 2:00PM

Free Registration!



Registration: Due by April 7th!
Register online at
www.Fiestabuzz.com



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FGHA BOARD MEETING – January 4, 2023

APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:04PM. Board Members in attendance were Steve Strauss - President, Christina Saenz – Vice president, Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Megan Sandoval – Social Director, Rich Neve – Civics Director, and Roland Bardony -- Park Director.

December Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the December 7th meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross

- \$13,700 in our operating account after transferring \$60,000 to reserve/cabana account. The surplus was mainly from the 2022 collections of past due accounts.
- We paid out \$10,400 in the month of December.
- We have \$527,700 in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- Zero was collected in dues for the month of December. To date a total of \$201,960 has been collected in dues, which is 102% of the expected total.
- \$100.00 more was collected in special assessments for the month of December. So far 478 Members have paid the special assessment. There are 5 making monthly payments and 6 are in collections.
- Dues envelopes will be sent out this week.
- There will be a full audit of our finances this year. We will aim for February.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- Rich Hedges our 5th council member, has been appointed; he has served on SMUHA and has a lot of experience. Our new Mayor is Amourence Lee. Our new Deputy Mayor is Lisa Diaz Nash.
- With the recent flooding issues just a reminder that you can sign up at the City website to receive email updates.
- Would like to see more communication within our community from the HOA via email as well.
- If you have pictures and/or information regarding the flooding in our neighborhood, please send it to Rich at civic@fiestagardenshoa.com and he will forward it to the city. They will be looking at what and where things happened.

Social Director/Megan Sandoval

- In February we will be doing a "Spread the Love Initiative". It will include letters to the elderly and a donation to an animal shelter. More information to come.
- A full itinerary for the year will be coming soon.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- The park flooded and much of the mulch washed out. Scapes cleaned up the mess and put a lot of the bark back. There is enough tanbark, and the kiddy park is safe for children.
- We will look into the possibility of residents returning the sand from used sandbags back to the corporation yard rather than just throwing it away.
- We will look into getting more permanent metal garbage cans for the parks, rather than plastic.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- The pump room was flooded. The pumps are being worked on and we will see what we can do in the future to prevent any type of flooding of that area. Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller Not in attendance

Vice President/Christina Saenz

- We will be updating our website.
- Looking into an HOA App. Most are pretty expensive, usually around \$5.00 per household monthly. Research is still going on.

President/Steve Strauss

- Welcome our new Social Director Megan Sandoval.
- Happy new year to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

PG&E has started design work and we are hoping it will be done soon. With the storms they are running significantly behind.

Landscaping will start soon. Flashing and trim are being painted.

We need a Phase II committee to help figure out all the fine details, furniture, cabana rules, ice maker, mats etc., etc. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Denise Iskander at denise_iskander@yahoo.com.

Questions and Comments

None

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday February 1st at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – February 8, 2023

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:03PM. Board Members in attendance were, Steve Strauss - President, Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Megan Sandoval – Social Director, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, and Roland Bardony -- Park Director.

January 4th Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the January 4th meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross

- Cash in the operating account is \$238,000.
- We paid out \$9,900 in the month of January. This includes \$1,500 for credit card processing fees for people that paid their dues via credit card.
- We have \$527,700 in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- Dues collected in January were \$223,000. This is 90% of the expected total. 438/489 property owners have paid including all the apartment buildings.
- Special assessment funds collected in January, \$5,150.
- One Member in collections paid \$15,000 which included \$4,800 for the special assessment.
- So far 479 Members have paid the special assessment in full, 5 are making monthly payments and 5 are in collections.
- Finances are in great shape!

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve - Not in Attendance

- Apply for Federal Disaster Assistance by March 16th, 2023.
- Regional Needs Allocation Report has been adopted. A copy will be included in the Bee.

Social Director/Megan Sandoval

- Volunteers are needed on Saturday February 11th from 1-3pm.
- Next event will be Easter.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- The windscreen at the tennis courts was replaced today.
- Members interested in pickleball. Roland has investigated ordering pickleball lines, they are available. We would need to do a survey and cost estimate. Steve Stanovcak suggested to just paint the lines.
- A motion was made and seconded and approved by all Board Members to spend \$800 for pickleball striping.
- Next month the bark and sand will be replaced in the kiddy park.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- We will be purchasing new garbage cans.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- Pumps are not working for the large pool or the kiddy pool.
- Need to put a sump pump in the pool room.

Vice President/Christina Saenz - Not in attendance

President/Steve Strauss

- Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

A member brought up the cost of the Bee and said that maybe we could save money by having a volunteer do it. There was a

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discussion, and it was decided to keep things the way they are.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

Denise Iskander

- Counter tops are going in.
- Still waiting to hear about the fire sprinkler permit.
- HVAC and plumbing are still ongoing.
- PG&E engineering has been approved.
- Phase II committee has 11 members.
- The committee has come up with pool party fees to rent the cabana.
- The Board asked that it be submitted in writing for review.

Audit of Finances

A motion was duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members to audit our finances.

Questions and Comments None

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday March 8th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Annual Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Steve Gross
4. Board Reports:
 - i. Civic – Rich Neve
 - ii. Social – Megan Sandoval
 - iii. Parks – Roland Bardony
 - iv. Pool Maintenance – Steve Muller
 - v. Pool Operations – Steve Stanovcak
 - vi. Vice President – Christina Saenz
 - vii. President – Steve Strauss
5. New Business
 - i.
6. Old Business
 - i. Cabana Renovation Update
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
January 31, 2023**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2023 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
<u>Operating Revenue</u>							
223,410.00	121,176.00	102,234.00	Regular Assessments	223,410.00	121,176.00	102,234.00	242,352.00
60.00	90.00	(30.00)	Bee Ads	60.00	90.00	(30.00)	1,080.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Swim School	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Guest Passes	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Pool Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
223,470.00	121,266.00	102,204.00	Subtotal	223,470.00	121,266.00	102,204.00	272,832.00
<u>Interest, Late Charges, Collection Fees</u>							
111.92	20.83	91.09	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	111.92	20.83	91.09	250.00
692.89	83.33	609.56	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	692.89	83.33	609.56	1,000.00
	500.00	(500.00)	Late Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	1,000.00
397.00		397.00	Collection Charges	397.00		397.00	
1,201.81	604.17	597.64	Subtotal	1,201.81	604.17	597.64	2,250.00
\$ 224,671.81	\$ 121,870.17	\$ 102,801.64	Total Income	\$ 224,671.81	\$ 121,870.17	\$ 102,801.64	\$ 275,082.00
EXPENSES							
<u>Lifeguard Expense</u>							
		0.00	Lifeguards	0.00		0.00	60,000.00
888.10		(888.10)	Insurance Exp - W/C	888.10		(888.10)	4,500.00
		0.00	Payroll Taxes	0.00		0.00	8,000.00
75.00		(75.00)	Payroll Service	75.00		(75.00)	1,750.00
963.10	0.00	-963.10	Subtotal	963.10	0.00	-963.10	72,250.00
<u>Pool Expense</u>							
750.00	1,100.00	350.00	Pool & Spa - Monthly Service	750.00	1,100.00	350.00	13,200.00
65.70	625.00	559.30	Pool & Spa - Chemicals	65.70	625.00	559.30	7,500.00
	375.00	375.00	Pool & Spa - Repairs	0.00	375.00	375.00	4,500.00
	250.00	250.00	Pool & Spa - Supplies	0.00	250.00	250.00	3,000.00
	70.83	70.83	Wristbands	0.00	70.83	70.83	850.00
815.70	2,420.83	1,605.13	Subtotal	815.70	2,420.83	1,605.13	29,050.00
<u>Park Expense</u>							
650.00	650.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	650.00	650.00	0.00	7,800.00
	500.00	500.00	Common Area - Maintenance	0.00	500.00	500.00	6,000.00
157.00	50.00	(107.00)	Pest Control	157.00	50.00	(107.00)	600.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	83.33	83.33	1,000.00
807.00	1,283.33	476.33	Subtotal	807.00	1,283.33	476.33	15,400.00
<u>Utilities</u>							
30.55	708.33	677.78	Gas	30.55	708.33	677.78	8,500.00
798.84	1,250.00	451.16	Electricity	798.84	1,250.00	451.16	15,000.00
192.93	208.33	15.40	Refuse	192.93	208.33	15.40	2,500.00
254.72	250.00	(4.72)	Telephone & Pager	254.72	250.00	(4.72)	3,000.00
519.87	1,686.67	1,146.80	Water	519.87	1,686.67	1,146.80	20,000.00
1,796.91	4,083.33	2,286.42	Subtotal	1,796.91	4,083.33	2,286.42	49,000.00
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>							
	208.33	208.33	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	208.33	208.33	2,500.00
	8.33	8.33	Civic Expenses	0.00	8.33	8.33	100.00
	83.33	83.33	Collection Expenses	0.00	83.33	83.33	1,000.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
January 31, 2023**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2023 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
298.00	333.33	35.33	D & O Ins. Expense	298.00	333.33	35.33	4,000.00
1,479.44	1,458.33	(21.11)	Insurance Expense	1,479.44	1,458.33	(21.11)	17,500.00
182.00	62.50	(119.50)	Mailings, Postage & Copies	182.00	62.50	(119.50)	750.00
	416.67	416.67	Meeting Expenses/Social Functions	0.00	416.67	416.67	5,000.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	425.00	425.00	0.00	5,100.00
	37.50	37.50	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	0.00	37.50	37.50	450.00
119.00	208.33	89.33	Office Supplies	119.00	208.33	89.33	2,500.00
1,521.19	158.33	(1,362.86)	Payment Processing Fees	1,521.19	158.33	(1,362.86)	1,900.00
	83.33	83.33	Permits & License	0.00	83.33	83.33	1,000.00
237.25	416.67	179.42	Professional Services	237.25	416.67	179.42	5,000.00
	833.33	833.33	Reserve Study	0.00	833.33	833.33	10,000.00
300.00	300.00	0.00	Secretary	300.00	300.00	0.00	3,600.00
	41.67	41.67	Taxes - Income	0.00	41.67	41.67	500.00
	1,086.67	1,086.67	Taxes - Property	0.00	1,086.67	1,086.67	20,000.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
	25.00	25.00	Web Site	0.00	25.00	25.00	300.00
5,561.88	7,766.67	2,204.79	Subtotal	5,561.88	7,766.67	2,204.79	93,200.00
\$ 9,944.59	\$ 15,554.17	\$ 5,609.58	Total Expenses	\$ 9,944.59	\$ 15,554.17	\$ 5,609.58	\$ 258,900.00
\$ 214,727.22	\$ 108,316.00	\$ 108,411.22	Net Income	\$ 214,727.22	\$ 108,316.00	\$ 108,411.22	\$ 16,182.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Cabana Rebuild
January 31, 2023**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
5,150.00		5,150.00	Special Assessments	1,356,800.00	1,300,000.00	56,800.00	1,300,000.00
		0.00	Brick Fundraiser	27,175.00		27,175.00	
\$ 5,150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,150.00	Total Income	\$ 1,383,775.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 83,775.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 5,150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,150.00	Gross Profit	\$ 1,383,775.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 83,775.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
EXPENSES							
862.50		(862.50)	Cabana Rebuild - Contract	1,193,533.11	1,193,533.11	0.00	1,572,560.00
1,650.00		(1,650.00)	Cabana Rebuild - Other Expenses	119,641.99	60,250.00	(59,391.99)	60,250.00
		0.00	Permits and Fees	30,038.07	30,000.00	(38.07)	30,000.00
		0.00	Payment Processing Fees	12,542.54	13,000.00	457.46	13,000.00
3,090.15	0.00	(3,090.15)	Brick Fundraiser Expenses	4,514.31	0.00	(4,514.31)	
\$ 5,602.65	\$ 0.00	-\$ 5,602.65	Total Expenses	\$ 1,360,270.02	\$ 1,296,783.11	-\$ 63,486.91	\$ 1,675,810.00
-\$ 452.65	\$ 0.00	-\$ 452.65	Net Income	\$ 23,504.98	\$ 3,216.89	\$ 20,288.09	-\$ 375,810.00

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2023

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash - Operating Fund	\$ 238,456.55
Cash - Reserve Fund	\$ 303,984.61
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	\$ 224,477.31
Accounts Receivable	\$ 26,854.60
Accounts In Collection	\$ 41,590.40
Construction Refundable Deposit	\$ 11,500.00
Other Current Assets	\$ 8,405.76
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 855,269.23
FIXED ASSETS	
New Cabana Costs to Date	\$ 1,334,182.87
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,334,182.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,189,452.10
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	32,014.49
Construction Contract Retention Payable	26,020.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 58,034.67
FUND BALANCE	
Current Year Net Income/Loss	1,892,889.36
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,131,417.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,189,452.10

Date: Saturday, April 22nd

Time: 8:30 AM -2:00 PM



Time to get rid of some things?

Back by popular demand, I will once again be organizing a neighborhood-wide garage sale. The best thing is it is **FREE** to participate. I only ask that you register!

The more houses that participate, the better the crowds.

Register online at fiestabuzz.com or submit the registration form below so that I know how many homes are participating. I look forward to another great turn out!

Registration: Due by April 7th!
Register online at www.Fiestabuzz.com
Or drop off at my mailbox listed below.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

What types of items will you be offering?



Drop-off:
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San Mateo, CA 94403