

October 24, 2020

Dear Scott,

Attached is our ballot. We are voting no. We appreciate all your work and willingness to serve on the board, so sharing the reasons why below.

We submitted the following deed restriction changes to you on 10-17, but I do not see them added or changed. Can it be explained why it is not possible? And could you please revisit the recommendations?

Page 5 II. (8) one sentence says "five feet from any side lot line." At the end says "three feet from any side line." Can the second sentence be changed to "*five feet*"?

Page 7 II (16) (B) ... tree replacement, protection and preservation plan has been *reviewed by a forester or arborist*, approved by the ACC and *shared with interested residents*. (*Note: when trenching for drainage large roots should not be cut. Instead a hole should be cut under the root and the drain pipe fit under. A forester or arborist can address that need.*) The ACC may grant a variance from, or waiver to, the provisions of this paragraph after *review by concerned residents*. Take out "*sole and absolute discretion*". (*Note: This was taken out in other areas.*)

Page 8 III (7) *ADD: Date and the address for plans submitted will be posted on the Sandalwood website. Plans submitted to the ACC will be available to interested residents for review.* (*Note: the ability for neighbors to see plans of houses being built next to them used to be in place when my father first moved to Sandalwood.*)

Page 9 (2) Nothing shall be done which shall contaminate or pollute the waters in any of the lakes. *The use of Roundup or other toxic chemicals that can drain into the lakes is prohibited.*

Page 9 IV. (3) ... The Civic Club ... well maintained and clean, *shall periodically remove all organic matter from areas bordering Sandalwood property.* (*I like that you added responsibility to those who live on the lake, but also wanted to add this to the subdivision sentence to help with the budget for cleaning.*)

We all see things from different points of view. Mine comes from sitting in my backyard that I have looked at since 1958. I remember crossing over to Camp Hudson and cooking hotdogs on the banks of Buffalo Bayou. I have tried very hard to be involved in helping to keep Sandalwood beautiful. But my point of view has not been heard. Maybe

I have not expressed the need effectively so I would like to open up communication. I am going to try one more time. I watch the debris blow into the cove outside our house every day and the gunk collect. We were told that the pump cannot be turned on due to electricity danger. We have tried for 6 months to solve this problem, researching pumps and offering to pay for one. But alas no action. You told me you could not wait to be off the board, as too many complaints. Of which I only added to your load. Now you and Jennise Stubbs are switching positions. So, I feel the issue of debris and gunk in the cove will only continue. The board hired a lake management company, of which we were told we could not talk to without a board member present. It has been 6 months and the opportunity to discuss this has not happened.

Therefore, we would like to nominate Belinda Kaylani for the position of lake chair. The By-laws page 5 Section 2 (A) states *the nominating committee would send a notice by June 1st to all members requesting willing candidates for the nominating committee and/or board.* I do not recall receiving that email.

The bylaws Section 2 (C) outline the requirements of the committee. Who was on the nominating committee? I would like to propose a [bylaw addition to page 6 section C \(4\)](#) **that at least one member with 10 years or more residency and not currently on the board be part of the nominating committee.** Section (G) states *“Additional candidates may be placed in nomination at the annual meeting.”* But there was no annual meeting to make this possible. Also page 9 Article VII Section 2 states that members will be given an opportunity to inform the president of an interest in membership on a committee. I talked to Belinda who said she would accept the position. It is a hard job being on the board, and this would provide an opportunity to take a break.

The meeting that was called for 10/19 at the 3rd lake did not have the 10 day notice as required on page 4 Section 1 (A). But, that may not apply to this meeting. There was no regular meeting as required by the ByLaws Section 1 (B). So this meeting coordinated by Scott Rice and Larry Nettles to address any additional comments or questions would appear to be the substitution. The email notice was sent on 10/15 not giving members an opportunity to discuss the changes. Nor were any signs posted about this meeting which has always been done in the past for the two required regular meetings. The

switch to 100% email does not take into account those who do not use online communication fluently. I hope the board will consider mailing notices as important as dues increases, by-law changes and election of officers to those who do not open and respond to the email notices. Also, consider adding a communication opportunity on the website like Next Door Neighbor, as we all see things that others might not notice.

The plan of enhancing the street signs in Sandalwood to improve property values can also be enhanced with landscape planning to lake areas. There was a relevant [article in the Houston Chronicle](#) today that said *“planting a tree is one of the best things you can do to help the planet, and these days it’s gotten easier.”* I know talking to children, this is important to them for their future and they want to help our neighborhood too. Belinda Kaylani, a Harris County AgriLife Master Gardener, is interested in a conversation about a Sandalwood Conservancy, conservation water sensitivity & sustainably. I think having her on the board & others committed to that will really enhance property values in Sandalwood.

Thank you for your consideration,

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