

Candlewood Shores Tax District – February 18, 2026 Minutes – Subject to Approval

Call to Order

Angelo Aldana called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and there were eight non Board members online. Angelo notified the community that Anne has resigned from the secretary position. A notice will go out notifying the community asking for volunteers.

Roll Call

Angelo Aldana – President – Present on Teams
Joseph Rizakallah – Vice President – Present
Norman Edelson – Treasurer – Present on Teams
Jonathan Lepler – Director – Present
Timothy Cicchese – Director – Present on Teams
David Samuels – Director – Present on Teams
Douglas Jenks - Director – Present

Pledge of allegiance lead by Angelo

Hearings: None

Guests:

CPA – Fiorita, Kornhaas & Company, P.C. to discuss their audit that was recently completed. Bookkeeping for SPM was also in attendance.

Approval Minutes

Norman made a motion to accept the January minutes. Jon seconded. All in favor.

First Public Comment Period- None

Treasurer’s Report

Tax District - \$2,537,703.77
Water District - \$176,656.34

Management Report

1. Action List – The report by SPM was given by Travis Hyatt.
2. Permit Requests/Compliance Discussion
3. Resale Report

Committee Reports

1. Beautification – Nothing to report.
2. Recreation –

Blood Drive-TBD

- Not under Recreation Committee but could be a Scalzo event.
- Red Cross would send someone to inspect and approve the space.
- Preferably held on a weekend.
- Would be only for residents.

Trivia Night-02/27 6:30

- Event is all set-I Want My MTV
- Meegan will help with setup and breakdown.

- Need 10 tablecloths for trivia-Heather to get

Chili Cookoff-02/22 3pm

- Mikaela to get gift cards.
- Danielle: Dollar Tree run for tablecloths, napkins, tasting cups, and spoons.
- Meegan: send email reminder and update sandwich board.
- Mikaela and Danielle to take photos.
- Need paper for voting or tickets.

Newcomers Program

- In 2022, there was a 20% turnover in homes; as of Jan 2025, 28 newcomers.
- Approved for 3 new initiatives:
 1. Newcomers Program
 2. Tenured Kickoff Matching
 3. Welcome Cards & Samples
- Gayle and Meegan to help with welcome cards (include neighborhood info, event “save the date for event”).
- Mikaela to provide template of what to write.
- Email to tenured residents with match information (names, introductions, etc.).
- Gayle and Meegan to complete by week of 02/23 and send to Brandon or Mikaela.
- Mikaela: ask Brandon to reserve room and place June 14th on the calendar.

Annual Egg Hunt-03/29 3pm

- Bunny has the costume; Bunny’s daughters will be bunny.
- Cyndi to purchase candy and ask kids to help stuff eggs.
- Meegan to post on Facebook and send email this week.

Band Nights

- Danielle to reach out to Genoa and Mikaela to contact an alternate pizza vendor for Sept 5th event.
- Bunny will coordinate some Sunday afternoon bands as possible

Ice Cream Truck

- Looking for a reliable vendor for events and everyday visits.
- Possibly connect with local trucks during warmer months.

Summer Picnic- July 25th 12pm-5pm

Summer Movie Nights- June 20th and August 1st.

Tree Decoration / Lighting

- Liz liked the idea of tree lighting.
- Gave approval to add a real one.
- Goal: be inclusive and part of beautification efforts.

Apparel

- Meegan to reopen apparel orders.
- Inquire regarding minimum requirements and possibly include tank tops and beach towels in addition to t-shirts, hoodies, long sleeve shirts, hats from last year.

Beach Yoga / Cornhole

- Meegan to run this by the Board.
- Danielle to reach out to two potential instructors.
- Gayle suggested weekly cornhole nights during warmer months. Revisit during next meeting.

Silver Shores Representation

- Gayle has been serving as Silver Shores community rep for Rec Committee.
- Barbara remains the current lead when in town. Currently in Florida.
- Meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, 6 PM — potluck-style, games welcome.
- Meegan to ask Brandon to resume sending meeting emails.

Next Meeting- March 11th 7pm

3. Safety/Security – Nothing to report.

4. Ordinance – Nothing to report.
5. Landscaping Report – Adam stated that they are keeping up with the winter and maintaining their equipment.
6. Harbormaster – Nothing to report.
7. Blight Panel – Nothing to report.

Old Business –

- Acoustic Panels – the District is looking at options for purchasing tiles for themselves and to install.
- Bulk Refuse Proposal – There have been 260 sign ups as of today. The monthly price is \$20 and IWS first pickup will be March 2nd. Services will include weekly trash and weekly recycling.
- Vacant Lot of Right Refusal – Vacant lot is still in probate where the District's attorney will be attending the hearing.
- Water Treatment Project Update – PURA will reconsider their decision and they will either approve or deny the sale of Aquarion. Water quality has not changed and are still below state limits.

Second Public Comment

- Sheryl Wengel -34 South Lake Shore – Made a comment about yoga on the beach and appreciate the recreation committee bringing this up. Commented that they are doing an amazing job.
- Elizabeth Longworth - 1 South Lake Shore – Made a comment about paddle boarding and the vendor had insurance, waivers, and were paid directly. She also made a mention of the tree planting near the playground area where the well was dug. She also commented if the community can have a shred event. There was a comment about sending profile sheets at the time of closing and Brandon stated that we do but it takes time for people to send them back. She asked Angelo if there is any grant money for the water system/PFAS remediation. Angelo stated that it was approved and we are still on the list.

Executive Session

Jon made a motion to enter executive session at 8:13pm. Norman seconded. All in favor.

Jon made a motion to exit executive session at 8:30pm. Angelo seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment

Jon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Angelo seconded. All in favor.