

August 10, 2017

Dear Fellow Homeowners,

In my last communication to you, I mentioned that a package from Mr. Vince Booth, the community's attorney, should be on its way to you. I was informed that it is being mailed out even as I am writing this letter. Please take time to look over Mr. Booth's communication and vote. Since prepaid return envelope service is not available, you may drop off your ballots in Fairway mailbox located behind the guard house address: 5079 Bullard Ave. or you can submit your ballot to Mr. Lam Hoang, subdivision secretary. If you have any questions, call, text or email me and I will be happy to answer your questions and concerns as best I can.

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As for the meeting on August 26, the Mary Queen Church was gracious to allow us to use their facility for our meeting. It is a humble facility but adequate for our community meeting and election. We will have one hour for the meeting, so we have to be efficient with our time. We need to stay focus on the adoption of new bylaws and election of new directors. Sticking to the meeting agenda will best accomplish that goal. For this reason, I want to clarify and comment on this question so that we don't waste time on it during meeting.

Question:

Why has there not been an election in January and why has it taken so long to organize?

Before answering the question, please keep in mind that everything I say in this letter is not to accuse anyone of anything. This is purely informational so we can clarify few misunderstandings. Without further ado, here are my takes on the question above.

Since Katrina (2005), no election that I remember was on time. The last election was in April 25, 2015. This board began its 2 years term in May 2015, which expires in May 2017. However, it is worth pointing out that this board was sued by some members of the community, accusing this Board and the ARC members of acting improperly in violation of Fairway rules. At the end of the day, the Judge, after hearing witnesses and seeing evidences, concluded that this board and the ARC acted properly and in accordance with Fairway rules and regulations. The lawsuit cost the community \$10,000 and the board's inability to function for seven months. Not only did we start our term late, we lost much time and money, wasted over false accusations. It is a teachable moment for us all, the ill effects of rushing to judgment of others without knowing all the facts.

In any case, we tried to schedule election sometime in May of 2017 but disagreements on the matter of voting and the lack of clear rules required that we seek legal counselling on the matter. Since Fairway has no bylaws, we were advised that new bylaws is needed to

avoid ambiguity and future disagreements. The discussion and writing the framework for a basic bylaws took the entire month of July and we finally got a final draft of this basic bylaws and are now presenting it to you for vote on adopting it.

There is nothing written in Fairway rules that specifically prohibit the use of mail-in ballot, thus, Louisiana State rules for HOA does allow the use of mail-in ballot and other reasonable means of voting. At the moment, Fairway only restrict voting for directors in a meeting setting. For casting ballot, Mr. Booth has included complete guidelines on voting to adopt new bylaws. Please read his guidelines carefully.

As in my last communication to you, I stated that I am a big supporter of homeowner's rights and I still am. I recommend voting for option #1. Why option #1? It is very simple to understand. Instead of restricting you and forcing you to vote a certain way; it is best to leave it up to you to vote however you see fit. It's your vote, you do with it however you want. Why let someone else dictate how you can vote?

With that, since I am not running for office, I want to take this moment to thank those who stood by me and supported me in my effort to make this community a better place to live. I have accomplished some good things, not as much as I would like because of the limited time I was given. But I was able to make some profound improvements. I also want to report that this board has been disciplined with your money and every penny we spent is directly related to repairs and improvements. And we will be turning over to the next board a much better financial footing than when we took over. I'm very proud of that fact. We gave it our best effort, we made some good improvements and we hope to finally adopt some basic bylaws to guide us forward. If there are people who feel they can do a good job and they run for office, more power to them. But we can all expect two things from every board, (1) to spend community money properly and responsibly and (2) to treat all members equally and reasonably, while rejecting discrimination or favoritism at all time.

My final thought is this, ten, twenty years from now, a lot of us will have gone to meet our Maker. Our Maker will not ask us how much money we have or how big a house we live in or what cars we drive, none of that matters. We will only be asked one thing and one thing only. How did we treat our neighbors? And the answer to that question will define our eternity.

Sincerely,

Kevin Nguyen
President of Fairway Estates Homeowner's Association

PS: As for Atheists, you ain't got nothing to worry about. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die", Kurt Vonnegut Jr. I have some friends who are atheists and they seem to be happy all the time. That's pretty cool.