

## Tides West Member update 8-3-23

**Annual meeting vote:** Our Annual member meeting on August 19 at 11:00 AM will present 14 important proposals for your consideration and your vote. Your vote on these 14 issues will impact the direction of our association from this point forward. We will take time at the meeting to answer questions about and discuss each proposal before you vote. Please bring the two-page, both sides, explanation of the ballot proposals with you to the meeting. You will need them to refer to as we discuss the issues. All of the proposals were reviewed by our attorney who sees no legal issues with implementing any or all of them

**Proxy voting:** We have received 4 proxy votes so far. It would be far better to attend the meeting in person to really understand what you are voting for, but if you cannot attend, you may fill out and return the proxy ballot making the Tides West Board your proxy. We will cast your vote exactly as you mark it. If you must vote proxy, I urge you not to just read the title of the proposal, but rather refer to the accompanying document that shows the exact changes in the context of the existing bylaws. Voting based only on the proposal title can easily lead to misunderstandings. Mail your proxy to the address indicated on the form. Ballots must be received by August 18. If you need clarification on any issues before casting your vote, please respond to this email with any questions you may have. The Tides West Association Board supports all 14 proposals on the ballot.

**Open board positions:** You will be electing three board members this year. Michele DeShaw has decided to stand for reelection and Michael Needy has also agreed to run for a board position. Both are very qualified candidates. Within two weeks, I will post candidates who have declared with some information about them on the Tides West web page. Any member may declare that they are running for a board position even as late as the August 19 meeting.

**Picnic:** The board will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and chips after the meeting. We encourage you to stay and get to know your neighbors. You will need to bring your own drinks and any side dishes that you wish. Paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided. Remember to bring your own chairs.

**Park irrigation system:** You are probably aware that the irrigation system that waters the grass at the lake park has failed. The line ran dry damaging the motor and/or the pump. We have not been able to locate the line that draws water from the lake in order to make repairs if needed. If any of you have knowledge either about the location of those intake lines or know or anyone who does, please let me know. Current state law would not allow us to draw water from Loomis Lake, but our existing system is grandfathered in. Therefore, we cannot change the existing setup. We can only try to repair what we have.

**Lawn maintenance:** Several letters have gone out to members as reminders that all of us are responsible for maintaining our lawns. According to our covenants, we need to mow our grass regularly and take care of any noxious weeds, especially those that tend to spread to neighboring properties. Keeping individual properties looking nice helps maintain the value of all properties in Tides West. Rodney Nichol, who maintains Tides West properties, also does yard work for about four Tides West members and is willing to take on other clients. Please respond to this email if you would like contact information.

**Community:** Community is our middle name; Tides West Community Association. Life is a lot more pleasant when “community” is more than just a geographical area. Tides Westians, for the most part, are a very friendly and helpful group of people. It has been my personal goal this year to foster a sense of cooperation and community among our membership. Hopefully we can continue to build a sense of trust and cooperation going forward.

**Board member to board member:** I see our board as a team working together for the common good of our association. We are a diverse group of people and we have not always agreed on issues. We have, however, treated one another with respect, have not taken disagreements personally, and we have cooperated on implementing board decisions.

**Board to association members:** I have made an attempt to communicate more regularly with members, through member updates like this one, concerning issues that the board is dealing with and to solicit input. We have also tried to be considerate of member comments and have helped individual members with property issues. It sometimes is difficult to find the balance between enforcing the covenants and fostering trust and communication. We will likely never make everyone happy.

**Member to member (neighbor to neighbor):** I love our immediate neighborhood. We have a sense of trust and cooperation and look out for one another. Board members are also neighbors and community members. During this coming year we can all make more of an effort to get to know our neighbors better. If there are issues, we can deal with them as members of a community rather than adversaries. I would like to develop a list of members who would be willing to volunteer their time both to help their neighbors and to help with association projects. Maybe we could have neighborhood socials on occasion. It would just take a few people who would be willing to help make it happen. More to come.

**Agenda:** The agenda for the annual meeting is below and is also posted on the web page under agendas and minutes. Note that there is a time toward the end for member input on any topic. For the first part of the meeting, we need to stay on point so we can accomplish business in a timely but thorough manner. We will have a roving microphone for members who want to comment or have questions. We will ask you to take the microphone, stand if possible, identify yourself and make your comment. Comments with the members name will become part of the minutes of the meeting.

## **AGENDA; TIDES WEST ANNUAL MEMBERS’ MEETING**

**11:00 AM August 19. 2023 Loomis Lake Park**

**Welcome and opening comments:**

**Call to order:**

**Approval of minutes from 2022:**

**Treasurer's report and proposed budget:**

**Reserve Fund report:**

**Loomis Lake report:**

**Architectural Committee report:**

**Archives Committee report:**

**Irrigation System update:**

**Vote on candidates for Board positions:**

**Vote on proposals: (Bylaws changes and dues increase)**

**Member input:**

**Adjourn:**