

Kent Broome

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to Board

The overall ARC process has changed little in the past 4 years, An application is obtained either through the office or myself. I have it loaded in Dropbox so I can send it from my phone since I travel a lot. The application is usually sent to the committee the day I or Devona (Karl before) receives it, dual chairs make for a faster response. We added a fast tracking process on certain things like same paint color, re decking etc. As long as there is nothing altered. With fast tracking the committee is still sent the application but two of us look at it and gives the ok or if not the committee looks at it before approval. I generally answer questions when the members call me directly which is the major portion of the time.

The decision to have the office communicate to the member arose after several times I contacted the applicant only to hear that they had already talked to Victoria. So I ask Victoria if she wanted to just do it. In a Board meeting it was decided that she would do it since every ARC member is working or was at the time. This should take little time, any concerns by a member should just be directed to myself or Devona, I presume that is told to the member.

Also the Board made the decision that operations would notify ARC if they saw anything going on around the meadows that should need ARC approval. No added time, just as they did their daily runs, as a means of getting on top of any non approved projects. I don't have the time or the desire to aimlessly drive around the meadow looking at everyone's lives going on, some do, I don't nor the desire to be that kind of a person.

The decision to have BEMA store the applications in the members file was to me a simple one. The committee changes and the office doesn't. The Board at the time felt having them in the office was the best attainable place to keep them. How long does it take to place a returned application in a file? Not near as long as it takes to track down the current ARC chair and then attempt a schedule to both meet up. These processes for some reason have seem to work out well for 4 years.

Legally ARC doesn't really hold a lot of power the Board has more of the ability to engage on problems. ARC has asked in the past for letters from the Board to go out on violations and even though the Board agreed they seldom are addressed.

I have not heard personally of any complaints on how the process works from any members. The committee does get a lot of compliments and that is a good thing. We did have a member complain prior to my time on the committee. They had concerns when they received an email from the ARC chair with pictures of their project being worked on. The couple was very disturbed that this individual was repeatedly walking on their property without permission or even notification. Later their video surveillance confirmed the person on the property and checking on things not pertaining to the application. They mentioned getting an attorney but after a meeting they backed off, ARC needs to respect our members.

ARC wants to work with members, ARC wants members to feel good about calling ARC and submitting their application and they do. This was not the case years ago. I am glad to say that members do not seem so reluctant to come to ARC as they did.

It is obvious from the thread of comments and judgments made by Board members without ever asking the committee about anything, the decision has been made that I am not a good fit as chair. So while I enjoy helping out where I can and donating my time, I do not need the non constructive comments, or hearing about how it used to be done. We each have a different way of handling a job, I am pleased to say that even though I might have a different opinion it is good to let people do their job their way. I have a life outside the meadows and blessed beyond my understanding so the negativity of the current Board and their approach and reputation just doesn't fit with my style.

Paul Cyphers

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to Kent, Board

Kent, I am not clear what you are saying here. Are you stepping down effectively immediately or at the end of the year with the change in Board. You didn't put in an effective date. It appears that there were some issues that occurred in the past six months that you were unaware of but came to the attention of the Board through various members complaining to various Board members. In the past two months the complexity of these have only surfaced especially at the past board meeting. Since you haven't been at the Board Meetings I can understand why you weren't aware of these issues. Due to this we are putting this as a main agenda item for next year. We have several new board members who have expressed interest in improving the process. Thank You for your time but it's time to take the ARC process to the next level to better serve the community.