Minutes of the January 12, 2023
Neighborhood Captains Forum

The meeting was called to order at 2: 00 PM by Janet Nolan, Executive Committee Chair. 20 neighborhoods were represented. Mark Turner represented Vizcaya South. Bob Monica was our guest speaker. The minutes of December 12th, 2022 Forum were accepted as submitted. Captain Janet Martin of Valencia South was introduced.

I. Neighborhood Captains Executive Committee Report

A. Janet Nolan reported:

- Reflection Reminder—Due January 27th Kristi McConnell—Vittoria East and Floyd Brenner- Courtyards
- Executive Committee Announcements / discussions
  - Supply assignments were reviewed: badges, banners, sandwich boards
  - The new approach to email for the Captains' confidential Neighborhood directory and Gmail system will be used.
  - 5226 homes have closed, including 34 in Varese and 21 in Vittoria East last month.
- Captains can contact Bob Monica to schedule an informational neighborhood event, so their neighborhood residents can also receive today's information and have an opportunity to ask questions.

B. Jim Cisek reported 55 AEDs have been turned over to the HOA. The Club owns 28 AEDs placed on Club facilities and Hamilton has 3 AEDs. He distributed the final list of AEDs transferred to the HOA.

II. Bob Monica, Chair of the Solivita HOA Communication Committee presented the approach to the "Cable Contract".

The HOA Board is committed to transparency. Reports on the Cable TV and Internet Project are given at every HOA Board meeting, posted on the Communication/IT Committee page on SolivitaHOA.com, and updates are sent to residents by Solivita Community Association email blast. The Cable TV & Internet committee has been negotiating with various providers. We plan to recommend a provider at the HOA Board meeting on January 31, 2023, at 10 AM. Executives of the recommended company will be present to answer questions.

Currently, only basic cable TV is part of the contract at a cost of $40.30 per home. Most residents add on extras including internet, land-line phones, DVRs, upgraded internet speeds, TV programing upgrades, etc. A typical bill costs about an additional $150 per month or more. Our existing coaxial cable infrastructure is aging and needs replacement. In addition, we have offshore call centers and inconveniently located customer care centers, weak, if any, internet in public and Club areas, such as Village Drive, Palms, Pools, Fitness Centers, Meeting Rooms, Tennis/Pickleball area, etc. Some homes utilize a separate fiber optic cable provider while still paying the Solivita bulk fee.

Technology is changing. Coaxial cable is being replaced with streaming, which does not require a TV outlet inside the house, and is not subject to lightning strikes the way cable is. With streaming you can place your TV anywhere. Many appliances can be connected

through the internet. With a phone app, you do not need to pay for additional TV connections.

We understand many of our residents are used to and want to keep their longstanding cable programing “cable”. This committee’s mission is to identify a viable provider who can deliver a bundle of cable and internet services and ensure a technological infrastructure that will best serve the needs of our residents. Our continuing goal is to have new fiber internet with cable TV to every Solivita home by April 17, 2024, when the current Spectrum cable-TV-only contract expires.

A committee volunteer will be happy to attend any neighborhood meeting to explain the details of the project and answer questions. Contact: communicationschair@solivitahoa.com

A future project on our plate is to update the HOA website.

III. Captains Open Discussion

Some neighborhoods would like to hold events with cash or other prizes. At this time there is a $10 value limit on prizes for friendly games. Rules in Polk County may be changing. Sherriff Grady will be visiting Solivita this month. He is the best person to tell us what is allowed by law.

Captains discussed problems with animals. We can email Rudy about a specific problem, notify Compliance of a nuisance, and remind our neighbors DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE.

The Forum was adjourned at 4: 00 PM. The next forum meeting will be February 9, 2023 at 2 PM at RSF2. Our February Speakers will be Jane Thomas R2R and Representative from the Monster Food Drive.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Godlewski,
Executive Committee