

LGPOA BOARD MEETING

5/15/2018

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Richard Leydon.

PRESENT

Marietta Abele, Mary Lou Davidson, Paul Holmes, Richard Leydon, Rhonda Olson (by phone), Terrie Weibley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for 4-14-2018 were approved as posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of this date the LGPOA has 234 members, with a \$19,100 balance in the account according to Paul Holmes. This number does not include memberships submitted today. President Leydon urged that islanders ask other property owners to join so that we make a greater impact regarding issues before the County.

OLD BUSINESS

Refrigerator Magnet

Mary Lou Davidson presented sample sizes for the magnet that will be given to POA members with pertinent island numbers and dog etiquette information. Terrie Weibley moved and Richard Leydon seconded the motion to approve the sample to be printed. Readability is the key factor that will determine magnet size, with the aim of the smallest readable size.

Board Email Addresses

Due to continuing spam mail, Board member Mary Lou Davidson suggested that the Board look into using alternate email addresses that fall under the umbrella of LGPOA.org instead of their personal email addresses. Mary Lou moved to speak to the web designer about making these changes, which may be able to be hosted on the LGPOA.org website. Paul Holmes seconded the motion, which was carried.

4th of July Celebration

Rhonda Olson moved that the 4th of July golf cart parade be held on Saturday, June 30th with lineup at 4 p.m. for the 5 p.m. parade. Mary Lou Davidson seconded the motion, which passed. Fire Chief Bill Underhill will smoke meat, islanders will bring covered dishes and the picnic will be held from 12 – 2p.m. the same day.

Marina Issues

Gasparilla Marina is making changes that are unfavorable to islanders, particularly property owners. These include strict limitations on vehicles (two per boat slip) with an access gate, no service trucks and

no loading of items necessary for homes such as washing machines or stoves. Additionally, fishing guides are being asked to remove their logos from their parked vehicles.

The Fishery property has been purchased. It will be developed as a “boutique” hotel/condo property with wedding facilities and some shops with no interest in marina spaces for LGI property owners. The question of the future of adequate marina space/services/parking for island residents and their guests looms large. Communication in the form of meeting with pertinent County officials with the LGPOA President and Planning Committee is vital. Efforts to meet with our County Commissioner have thus far met with no response. This is unacceptable.

NEW BUSINESS

North-South Road Closure

The fencing off of the primary land route from North to South and vice versa on LGI has precipitated an island crisis. Property owners expressed their concerns; private property rights are vital, as is a service route from north to south for FPL, fire & paramedic, law enforcement and contractor supply services as well as for golf carts. There is general agreement that we are an island of individualists who recognize the need for services from north to south as well as the need to limit liability. A road exists which has now been blocked on a parcel of unbuilt land.

President Leydon used an aerial photo chart to demonstrate the roadway area of concern. Years ago, the town of Seaboard was vacate from Swenson Street to Seaboard and replatted. It was stipulated in the documents that the north-south route of Grand Avenue must remain intact. Prescriptive rights were discussed by islanders. The President noted that many avenues of resolution are being worked. The counsel of individuals who can be helpful on and off island is being sought. In order for the matter to proceed, an orderly, precise plan is necessary. Volunteers with expertise in the areas of title, surveying and legal counsel are invited to contact President Richard Leydon at richardleydonjr@gmail.com .

Serious concerns were raised about the inability of Andy Dixon the barge pilot/deliverer, Deric Flom’s golf cart rental/repair services, housecleaning services and all island contractors to continue their work. It is recognized that these work stoppages interfere with both income and required island services. Regarding rental golf carts, Deric explained that they are speed-restricted and unable to exceed 10 mph, unlike some privately owned carts. This allayed concerns of some who are less favorably disposed toward golf carts and feel that all should walk.

The County has not been forthcoming in assisting tax-paying Charlotte County island residents and property owners in clarifying the recognition of the platted north-south route. Islanders expressed concern that the County has collected our tax dollars with little to show for them when compared to other County residents. Consequently, title, surveying and legal counsel is necessary. This is costly. Island residents with a stake in its future are encouraged to donate toward this end. A letter from an island property owner pledging a beginning amount toward this end was read to those attending and was positively received.

Memorial Day Weekend

Law enforcement officers will be hired to cover the peak evenings of Memorial Day weekend 2018. There was discussion about how these law officers may patrol the island since the fenced property owner's gate is locked. Deputy Ed Trentacosta will be consulted.

ADJOURNMENT

President Leydon adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrie Weibley

District 8 Representative, Secretary