

BEACH CLUB COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 14, 2016

Present: Ruth Mosca, Ann Cea, Tony Tedeschi, Peter Stocks, Vic Libatore, Shelley Klein, Dan Klein Frank Shorey, Paul Whiteside, Sherri McKinney, Kyle Mustin (by phone), and Bridget Fraser.

CDD representatives Doug Campbell and Al Ribicki were also present. Molly Meadows of Severn Trent was on the phone

Ruth Mosca called the meeting to order and - a quorum present - the minutes of the BC Committee meeting of 3/16/16 were approved.

Project Reports:

Brad McKnight of Severn Trent reported that 2 of the 4 grills are currently being repaired in a metal fabricators shop. After they are reinstalled, the other two grills will be repaired. Each grill is expected to cost in the \$100-\$150 range.

The wood decking needs to be sealed and Brad is getting estimates. It was suggested that the BC staff could perform this task during the summer, after the wood is power washed.

The fan on the ceiling of the north pavillion is broken and needs to be reconnected to a power source. Peter Stocks is donating two used outdoor fans to the BC.

The irrigation system at the BC is not functioning and the new plantings are being hand watered. Molly suggested that Brad get estimates from irrigation companies on making this system work.

Committee Reports:

Security: Brad reported that the beach club cameras are now hooked up to the guard house but more software is being installed to insure more complete monitoring.

Membership: Sherry McKinney reported that the BC has 358 paid memberships. Daily attendance sheets have been collected since 11/1/15. There been 2 days when the parking lot has been full and 4 days when all the beach chairs were used. She and other members noted that this season has been unusual for many rainy and cool days as well as the presence of red tide.

Landscaping: Shelley Klein reported all new plantings are doing well, but that several more pitch apple plants would be needed on the northern border near the front of the parking lot.

The remainder of the BC meeting focused on two main issues, erosion and membership.

Erosion Discussion: The scale of the erosion problem at the beach has dramatically increased since January. Homes and condo complexes to the north of the BC are in jeopardy. Owners of several buildings to our north have applied for seawall permits. Tony Tedeschi has done some preliminary investigating and Ruth will follow up by consulting with an engineer to discuss the BC applying for such a permit. Ruth, Doug Campbell and Sherri McKinney will attend an informational meeting on Manasota Key on 4/19 with owners of homes and condos on the beach.

Ruth pointed out that we have to protect the sandy "dunes" on our beach and people and beach chairs should not be in this area. Attendants will direct people away from these areas and suggestions were made to install signs or rope off these areas. Molly suggested we check with the County on what to use, given that turtle season begins May 1st.

Ruth also raised the question of how best to protect the new ramp. Tony Tedeschi reported that the ramp should withstand the rising tide because of the posts driven into the sand and the salt water should not harm the material. Sand may need to be periodically shovelled into place under the ramp to eliminate the gap caused by the tides.

Finance: Al Ribicki reported his financial figures and projections. His financial goals for the BC is to allow for as many members as feasible, the fees to remain reasonable, to build a capital reserve, to build an operating reserve, to continue to pay off the mortgage, and to avoid the need to borrow funds from the CDD.

To this end, he recommended that the membership cap be reset at 380 members, and the annual fees be raised \$10. to \$360. Dan Klein made a motion that these recommendations be voted on by the CDD Board. Doug Campbell argued that all 27 residents on the waiting list be accepted, given that it would take at least two months for a membership cap to be reset which would bring us into the summer months when beach attendance will be low. Further, a 6% attrition rate on membership renewal is a realistic expectation for the year 2017.

Further discussion on this motion continued. A vote was taken on the motion and it was defeated 3 to 9.

Ann Cea proposed a motion that the cap be reset to 370 members and fees be raised to \$375. This motion was carried.

Ruth Mosca reminded the members and the audience that this vote and all other recommendations of the BC was not binding on the CDD which has final say on BC policy, although up to now, all BC Committee recommendations have been accepted by the CDD.

Other Business:

Several questions and concerns were raised from the floor by members and residents in the audience. Among these questions which prompted discussion were:

- the history of the BC waiting list
- the policy of allowing BC membership transfer when a member's house is sold
- concerns about crowding and parking
- concerns about raising the membership cap when the beach is disappearing
- can the crushed shell area be utilized as a sitting area? The Committee discussed the suggestion that steps be constructed from the north pavillion to this area and Brad will look into this.

A motion was made to adjourn and this motion carried

Respectfully submitted,