

**Riverwood Beach Club  
January 12, 2017 Minutes**

**Present:** Sherry McKenny, Dan Klein, Shelley Klein, Kyle Muston, Vic Liberator, Frank Shorey, Ann Cea, Peter Stocks, Bridget Fraser, Dolly Syreck, Brad McKnight. Ruth Mosca participated in the meeting by phone.

Sherry McKenny called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and the minutes from the 12/8/16 meeting were approved.

**Project Reports:** Brad McKnight

**Retention Wall:**

- The permitting process has started.
- Brad has had meetings with the contractor to finalize the construction proposal to be presented to the RCCD.
- On 1/16 Brad and Dolly Syrek, the CDD liaison to the BCC will meet with the rep of IMS construction to review the final contract.
- At the December meeting of the CDD, \$90,000. was approved for the construction of the retention wall.
- The BC must install the concrete cap on the metal pilings.
- The estimated cost of the wall and cap is \$88,000. Additional funds will be expended on sand for the back fill on the wall.
- The retention wall must be constructed 5 to 10 feet back from the initial location since the ECL (the Erosion Coastal Line) has changed.

**Bathroom Repairs:**

- Brad reported that repairs have been made in the ladies room at the BC: new fan, light timer, and water supply line.
- The men's room sink ran overnight recently resulting in about a 2,000 gallon waste of water.
- An e-mail to be sent to the membership in the near future will remind members to be aware of the need for conservation. Various control measures were discussed for the water taps.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Sherry highlighted some areas of the financial report submitted by Al Rybicki.

At the February BC meeting, the Committee will discuss suggestions for improving the financial situation of the BC so obligations can be met for the remainder of the fiscal year given the very large expenditure required for the retaining wall.

**Structure:** No new issues.

**Landscape:** Committee members were thanked for the addition of the new planter.

There have been many positive comments about this addition which was constructed out of surplus decking material.

**Security:** Cameras have been hooked up to the Riverwood guardhouse for several months and the systems are working well.

**Membership:** Brad reported that all but 23 previous members signed up for 2017.

He has contacted 20 out of the 37 wait list residents and is in the process of enrolling new members. Additional residents on the wait list will be contacted until the BC has 370 paid up members for 2017.

- Committee members discussed the possible need for feedback from BC members and BC members who chose not to renew this year. Dan Klein volunteered to canvas nonrenewing members, and Dan and Shelley Klein and Vic Liberator volunteered to look into utilizing a survey for member's comments on positive and negative experiences at the BC as well as members suggestions.

- Sherry thanked Brad for his handling of the 2017 membership renewal project.

**Communication:** Sherry will prepare an e-mail to BC members covering committee news and the wall construction.

**Old Business:**

- Ruth reported that wall construction has begun on properties to the south of the BC.
- All properties are adding the concrete cap.
- Charlotte County is sponsoring a financial update meeting at the Tringali Center next week 1/19 at 6 pm to discuss funding for the beach renourishment project.
- The beach renourishment project is on schedule for 5/1/19 at the earliest or for 5/1/20 at the latest.
- The CDD has selected Severn Trent to continue services to CDD properties and is in the process of finalizing the contracts.
- Clarified the Sunshine Law covering communication between the CDD representative and BC members. Dolly can communicate with individual members of the BC, but members cannot discuss issues between themselves outside of the official meetings.
- CDD and BCC relationship: It was decided to table this discussion at this time until the BCC has more information and more clarity about its goals and concerns.
- Chair storage for the upcoming turtle season beginning in May 2017. Discussion was deferred until the plans for the retention wall are finalized and Brad can report on suggestions from construction firms for storage and a wall walkover.

**New Business:**

- Dolly Syrek reported that she asked the CDD to defer the BCC's proposal to implement a plan to add Doug Campbell to the BCC and eliminate members who fail to attend, either in person or by phone, for three consecutive meetings. She presented a proposal for the BCC to be scaled back from its present number of 14 members to 7, to include two non BC member residents. Several committee members voiced their opposition to this proposal, emphasizing the cooperative and productive working operations of the BCC as it is currently constituted and questioned the feasibility of non BC member residents on the Committee. Dolly was asked to bring the Committee's proposals to the CDD at their next meeting, approve Doug Cambell as a BCC member and eliminate members if they miss three consecutive meetings.
- Dan Klein asked for input on his article for the February Heron on the Beach Club. Dan was thanked for his excellent article and the accompanying photos.

**Further Discussion:**

- Dolly raised the question of the propriety of having a husband and wife serving on the BCC, given the concerns about Sunshine Law violations. She reports that the CDD attorney has stated this is not allowed. There was some discussion of whether this is a reversal of prior practice.
- Dolly further questioned whether the construction of the planter box was an authorized addition. Some members contend that this addition was authorized under the original plan for the decking area which was approved by the CDD.
- Rita Anderson, Chair of the CDD, was in attendance at the meeting and requested that the BCC meeting agenda be sent to all CDD members prior to BCC meetings

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Bridget Fraser