

Riverwood Beach Club

March 9, 2017 Minutes

Present: Ruth Mosca Chairperson, Vic Liberatore, Kyle Muston, Sherry McKinney, Peter Stocks, Ann Gea, Tony Tedeschi, John Puzine, Daniel Klein, Shelly Klein, Bridget Fraser, Dolly Syrek, CDD representative, Brad McKnight and Molly Meadows of STS.

A quorum was present and the minutes from the BCC meeting on 2/7/17 were approved.

Project Report:

Brad McKnight presented three estimates from landscaping companies to trim the trees at the BC. Terrapin Landscaping's bid was the lowest cost and the most comprehensive and Brad recommended that this bid be accepted. A motion was made and seconded, that the BCC recommend to the CDD that this bid be accepted and the necessary funds allotted.

Brad opened the discussion on the various options for:

- the storage of the chairs and lounges for the duration of turtle season beginning on 5/1.

- modification of the stairs to the beach

- construction of a stairway to the shell sitting area.

A lengthy discussion ensued among the Committee members about various ways of achieving these goals. Ruth raised the possibility of replacing stairs with ramps to make the BC accessible for members with physical challenges.

Brad will continue to seek estimates and ideas from a contractor he has been working with in these areas:

- a portable ramp and a wheeled cart for the stairs to the beach, to make chair removal feasible. Brad thought that replacing the stairs with a ramp would not be permitted due to the necessary steepness.

- chair storage on a platform off the walkway. Tony Tedeschi's opinion was that this could be done inexpensively by building a cantilevered platform out from the walkway, or by building a platform with stanchions at an additional cost.

- stairway to the shell topped sitting area will be recommended. Members with physical challenges can now access this area by walking around the pavilion on the north side.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report. Kyle Muston asked how much money was left for the BC to pay on the mortgage. Dolly Syrek referred her to the RCA website.

Structure: Tony Tedeschi reported that the discoloration on the BC building near

the bathrooms is a paint and caulking issue and there is no damage from mold or rot.

Landscape: Molly Meadows and John Puzine commented on the coffee plants that are not thriving along the front boundary of the BC. Molly will look into the possibility of moving them to a place where drainage is better. She also said the sea grape plants are growing and they might do well as boundary plants as they will grow to 3 feet.

There continues to be instances of trespassers who walk from the street through the BC to get to the beach, despite being told by the attendants that the BC is private property. There is no plan now or in the immediate future to fence in the BC property.

Security: No report

Membership: Daily sheets listing attendance, parking and chair availability continue to be collected, Peter Stocks noted that attendance should be down this year due to the presence of Red Tide. Dolly Syrek reported that the CDD attorney has noted the inadvisability of the attendants answering member's telephoned questions about the presence of Red Tide, as this has implications for CDD liability. The attendants will be instructed not to answer such inquiries. The Wait List is now at 23. Brad noted that 3 residents on the Wait List who were offered membership in 2017, declined, and are now on the bottom of the List. The BC discussed how the transfer process worked when a member sold his/her house with the BC membership attached, and the necessity of paying the \$100 transfer fee. There are three social events in March, and six social events April planned at the BC. All are Riverwood neighborhood socials.

Communication:

Sherry McKinney will send an e-mail to BC members in early April with BC news. She will remind members that the BC is open to members even if an event is scheduled.

Old Business:

Ruth Mosca turned the meeting over to Rich Knaub of the CDD, who reported on the development of the BC member survey, along with Shelly and Dan Klein and Vic Liberatore. They asked for feedback from the BCC, on the content and format of the survey before it was finalized for the members. Several suggestions were made and noted. Ruth thanked all the members of this focus group for their good work. The survey should be ready for distribution late March early April.

All New Business issues were discussed during Brad McKnight's presentation, so the floor was opened to audience comments and questions.

An audience member made several suggestions for the member survey. These were discussed and some adopted.

An audience member asked about the reserve fund that the CDD requires that the BC maintain. Dolly Syrek answered this question and noted that this fund will only be earmarked for BC needs. She also responded to his disagreement with the new policy of the attendants not answering queries about the Red Tide.

A motion was made for adjournment, seconded and all voted aye.

Submitted by Bridget Fraser