



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2021

Directors in attendance: Allan Baum, Gary Clinton, Greg Henniger, Chris Lovito, Chris Mai, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Leland Rechis, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Matt Tague, Jim Vandernoth

Absent: Tami Hausman

Also in attendance: Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager) and Sharon Bunting (Administrative Assistant)

Virtual meeting called to order by President Henry Robin at 10:32 am on Zoom. All board members were aware that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of creating the first draft of the minutes and then be deleted.

220 Bay Walk

- The Board agreed to allow Ken Ruzicka to remain in the house until May 1st; thereafter, FIPPOA plans to sell the house

Fire Island Boulevard

- FIPPOA and the Town of Brookhaven are in the third and last phase of finalizing its agreements, which include:
 - Renewing FIPPOA's existing contracts
 - Extending FIPPOA's governance over the Boulevard from Sandy to Sail
 - Executing its 10-year agreement by April 1st
- Working with the Pines Chamber of Commerce, FIPPOA is:
 - Drafting new leases for all existing structures, which have expired
 - Charging all contractors for use of spaces along the Boulevard, including the contractors who are using space but do yet have leases
 - Designating areas of parking and storage
 - Surveying the Boulevard from Sandy to Sail
 - Drafting and enforcing rules for the Boulevard, freight dock and harbor

- As a temporary fix to mitigate problems on the Boulevard, the Highway Department is hiring Carpenter Brothers to grade the Boulevard in April
 - FIPPOA will alert residents

Carrington Estate

- FINS secured \$75,000 in federal funds to rehabilitate the Carrington Cottage
- 10 interns will assist with the project; the target date for completion is July 4th
- FINS has identified April 17th and May 15th as cleanup days

COBE Recommendations

- The Task Force on Honoring Trailblazers received 62 nominations for individuals and groups for harbor recognition
 - It is finalizing the selection of a graphic designer and targeting September for installation
- The Juneteenth Celebration will have four events: a maker fair, a salon-style conversation, a chef's event with black chefs, and a music event with DJs
- FIPPOA is looking at dates in May for the unconscious bias training; the final price has been revised

Internet Task Force

- The Task Force presented the survey information to Verizon and is still in discussions
- FIPPOA will send out a newsletter about internet options before the start of the season

Pines Party

- FIPPOA is hopeful that the Pines Party will take place this year over the weekend of July 23rd-25th
 - There will be VIP Party (Friday), a beach party (Saturday), and a closing party (Sunday morning)
 - Northwell (\$25k) and Trek Bicycle (\$15k) are sponsors
- FIPPOA will make a final decision about the party at the end of May

Pines Season 2021 Town Hall

- FIPPOA will be holding a town hall at Whyte Hall during the first week of May to reclaim Pines traditions this summer; the event will also be streamed online
- Pines organizations will be invited to give short introductions to their upcoming events
- FIPPOA will conform to all government guidelines for events

Quality of Life Task Force

- The Task Force has issued a draft of its recommendations, including its mission, scope, guidelines for mitigating noise and trash, and guidelines for managing conflicts between neighbors

Roll Offs

- FIPPOA is discussing several options, including contracts with Brownie and/or Tony's Barge or charging a dock fee for each use

Roncalli Litigation

- The Roncalli litigation involves \$46,000, including \$23,000 of unpaid freight dock fees and \$23,000 of unpaid legal fees
- FIPPOA's law firm has incurred \$300,000 in fees

Sandbook

- The revised Sandbook will be a digital version that will be hosted on FIPPOA's website

Treasurer Report

- Ken has secured a second PPP loan of more than \$45,000
- Membership revenue has increased, largely due to the auto-renewal program
- Other income includes: slip rentals (\$52,000), freight dock (\$3,600), corrals (\$2,500) and Pines Foundation donations (\$5,000 for the Seashore Defense Fund and \$5,000 for Whyte Hall)

Volunteer Program

- Volunteers will be solicited for many activities and this will be announced in the newsletter.
Activities include:
 - Community cleanup
 - Whyte Hall: greeters for events, cleanup, planning, etc.
 - Harbor: pruning, planting, and general maintenance
 - Boulevard: bamboo trimming
 - Beach cleanup
 - Holiday decorating
- FIPPOA will make T-shirts for volunteers

Whyte Hall Repairs & Usage

- The suppression system was replaced at a cost of \$15,000
- Current projects include: floors, electric, skirting, holes in drains, and the fire exit in the doctor's office
- Contractors are busy; the projects will be divided among them
- May 1st is the target for completion
- After Whyte Hall repairs are complete, FIPPOA will make repairs to the harbor and the wagon rack

The meeting was adjourned 12:08 pm.