



## 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 Vandernoeth

**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 1<sup>st</sup>; 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 1<sup>st</sup>
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.