



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 15, 2021

10:30 am

Brandon Fradd Theatre, Whyte Hall

Directors Present: Allan Baum, Gary Clinton, Tami Hausman, Greg Henniger, Chris Lovito, Chris Mai, Jay Pagano, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Matt Tague, Jim Vandernoth

Absent: Tad Paul, Leland Rechis

Also Present: Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager), Ken Pollard (Finance Manager)

The meeting was called to order by Henry Robin at 10:34 am.

Ed Schulhafer motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Jim Vandernoth seconded, and the motion carried.

220 Bay Walk

- The tenant has vacated the property
- The property was listed at \$599,000; it is in contract for \$550,000
- Bob Howard dropped his commission from 6% to 5%

AIDS Memorial

- The preferred site is 581 Coast Guard Walk, an empty lot on the ocean
 - The site is centrally located to the Pines and Cherry Grove communities
 - The site is owned by Fire Island National Seashore and use of the property is dependent upon Congressional approval
- The Task Force will hold a community forum on May 29 at Whyte Hall from 10:30-11:30 am

Fire Island Boulevard

- The Boulevard grading started last Monday
 - The Town of Brookhaven hired a third party to do the work

- The License Agreement to manage the Boulevard from Sandy to Sail must be modified to accommodate contractors who store propane and gasoline; after that, it will be finalized
- The new rules for the Boulevard will be rolled out at a Town Hall on June 8 and enforcement will begin on July 1
- The Task Force is surveying additional areas for parking

Committee on Black Equality (COBE)

- COBE facilitated unconscious bias training at Whyte Hall on April 25
- A panel will take place on June 20 in celebration of Juneteenth weekend

Community Cleanups

- The community cleanup of May 8 was a great success (the board thanked Karen McCutcheon); the cleanup days are very popular
- A second community cleanup, for landscaping material, will take place this afternoon

Covid Vaccinations

- Northwell will be offering J&J vaccines in the Grove during Memorial Day weekend

Garbage

- There are several problems with Brownie: garbage is not picked up on pickup days; there is a higher volume of garbage compared to previous years (45 tons in April 2019 vs. 124 tons in April 2021); Brownie cannot get its equipment off the freight dock in a timely way; Brownie is doing private work on regular trash days
 - The TOB Waste Management Department, Fire Island Ferries, Brownie, Coastline and Councilman Neil Foley are working on the problem; meetings took place on April 5 and 29
 - Brownie is bringing out a trash compactor to help the situation
- Twenty dumpsters will be included in the new contract and the landing fee will increase by \$10,000

Harbor

- Some repairs are needed, including the wagon rack and nighttime lighting; the repairs will be done by FIPPOA staff
- The board approved \$500 to plant an additional tree

Internet Task Force

- Verizon installation is ahead of schedule

Litigation

- FIPPOA won on a summary judgement in the Roncalli case, and the settlement hearing will take place on July 12
 - Eric von Kurststeiner is appealing

- FIPPOA has been named in a lawsuit filed by someone hurt on Don Kohlhepp's boat in the harbor; the matter has been turned over to Roger Kluge, FIPPOA's insurance agent

Membership

- The current membership numbers are down 18% from the same period in 2019 and 24% from 2020
- The billing issue that occurred in January has been solved; almost everyone has been moved over to the new platform to increase efficiency
- Wagon stickers were mailed to current members on May 1
- The Thank You Stanchion in the harbor will be updated by Memorial Day
- A suggestion was made to add a membership banner on the website

Pines Party

- The Pines Party Committee is hopeful that a party will occur this year
- The Town of Brookhaven is getting ready to accept permit applications
- The Committee is anticipating that it will start promoting the party on June 1

Quality of Life Task Force

- A Town Hall will take place, TBD

SAGE Award – FIPPOA Proclamation

- Henry Robin will deliver a proclamation at the SAGE event to thank essential workers

Sandbook

- The Sandbook, originally published three years ago, has been updated as a digital version
- The digital flipbook is on fipboa.org and it is interactive

Seashore Defense Fund

- The SDF has raised \$5,000 has been raised this year through an option when people renew their memberships (compared to \$4,500 in 2020)
- The Pines Liquor Shop is continuing the sale of rum, with a portion of sales going to the SDF
- The SDF-sponsored beach bins will be reinstalled on the beach this week and garbage pickup will begin Memorial Day weekend

Treasurer's Report

- The board approved \$7,850 to replace the HVAC unit in the FIPPOA office

Wagon Rack

- Wagons without 2021 wagon stickers will be tagged next Tuesday and moved to Whyte Hall on June 19

Website & Branding

- FIPPOA will send out an appeal for designers of the new website and rebranding; a selection made by the middle of July
 - The interim site was redesigned by Chris Mai

Whyte Hall Repairs

- PCC had an extensive list of repairs; almost all repairs were made in the doctor's apartment in time for its opening

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:45 am.