# I'On Assembly Board of Trustees Meeting Monday February 18, 2019 **Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.**

Conference Room, 159 Civitas St Mt. Pleasant, SC

# **AGENDA**

- ➤ Homeowner Forum
- Call to Order
- ➤ Approval of Minutes:
  - November 19, 2018 Board Meeting
- President's Report
- ➤ Amenities Report
  - Dock Expansion Update
  - ➤ VOTE to Approve New Committee Members
- ➤ Infrastructure/Landscape Report
  - ➤ VOTE to Approve New Committee Members
- Covenants Report
- > Treasurer Report
  - ➤ VOTE to Approve New Committee Members
- > IDC Report
- Secretary Report
- Communications Report
  - ➤ VOTE to Approve New Committee Members
- > Adjournment

# I'On Assembly Board of Trustees Meeting November 19, 2018

Members Present: Jody McAuley, Tom O'Brien, Trey Mathisen, Johann von

Asten, Chris Colen, Lori Bate

Members Absent: Michael Purcell

SCS: Jessica Gosnell and Mary Fraser

Homeowner Forum: Claudia Bellars, 55 Robert Mills Circle; Peter Wallace, 70

Ponsbury Road

Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Jody McAuley

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the October 15,2018 I'On Assembly Meeting Minutes. Motion Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

# **Presidents Report:**

Jody first reiterated that we are still looking for volunteers to run for the Board for 2019. Peter Wallace expressed his interest in running for the Board. Jody thanked him and encouraged other residents to volunteer their time. Jody touched on some positive reasons to run, stating that we are a national award-winning community and are also in great financial shape. He also mentioned the many projects that the Board has helped put together over the past two years to improve the community and how rewarding it is upon completion. Jody also mentioned that being a part of the Board only requires a few hours of your time a week. The deadline to submit applications is December 18th.

Jody asked that we send out an e-blast announcing another photo contest like what was done at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card to be received at the annual meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that he would like to discuss front entrance enhancement plans at the annual meeting and share the approved plan with the community.

No other formal updates were reported.

# **Treasurer Report:**

Johann first reported on the executive dashboard. He stated that he expects to have approximately a \$45,000 surplus by the end of the year. He mentioned that revenue has been higher than what was budgeted due to lower than expected costs. Johann mentioned that legal and IDC expenses have been lower than expected and we are under budget on several line items in the budget. He also stated that utilities were \$11,000 under what was budgeted for the year. This is primarily from the credit on our water bills being applied to those accounts, as well as lower usage readings. Johann asked that we check on the last two years of water bills, to catch anything that might have been missed.

Johann then stated that we will need an increase in assessments for 2020. Jessica touched on the fact that there has not been an increase in four years. Tom also mentioned there are many amenities that we have added during that time. Jody agreed and stated that there needs to be more discussion around this to get the idea out in the neighborhood. Tom mentioned how great the finance committee does in allocating funds and transfer fees.

When asked when we would be able to do the front entrance enhancement, Johann replied that it was decided to hold off on the project until 2020 because of the upcoming dock expansion and waterfront enhancement projects. Jessica stated that the front entrance enhancement permit is good for one year and at that point we can still file a one-year extension. The project is shovel ready, therefore once the funds are available in 2020 the project can begin.

# **Amenities Report:**

Trey reported that the repairs at the dock have all been completed. The cleats have been installed and should last a lifetime. The floating dock's decking has been repaired where was flexing. The cross-bracing repairs on the pierhead have been completed as well. The new gate for the dock was supposed to be installed months ago, however they did not have self-latching hinges and were not installing the gate properly, so they will be coming back to install it correctly with the correct hinges and locking latch. The gate will mimic the one that was installed at the boat house.

The dock committee met last Monday and discussed the dock expansion in detail. They also reviewed the boating rules and asked Jessica to add a few courtesy rules to the dock policy. The committee also recommended that dry stackers be required to register their boats and pay for keys so that when they are tied up at the docks, we can contact them if there are any safety concerns. They currently ARE supposed to register, but many don't. The committee also discussed adding a no wake sign on the new dock. The Board asked if insurance at the docks would go up once the expansion is completed. Jessica responded that she is waiting to get a quote regarding insurance. The Board also discussed the possibility of raising the docking fee and noted that people who dry stack should still pay to get a key and decals as they are using the amenity and should share the costs with others that are registering to use the dock. Jody mentioned that the boat committee should get together to discuss the docking fee increasing next year.

Jody also mentioned the possibility of having a kickoff event down at the docks once they are completed.

# **Landscape and Infrastructure Report:**

Jessica reported on behalf of Michael. She stated that there are about 8 different projects to come out of reserves for 2019. These include the Eastlake path being redone and replacing the step lights at Perseverance Park.

Jessica reported that she met with Mike Russo and Terminix at the Creek Club and they discovered there were termites present. Russo said that he was glad the Board asked him to get the bond because otherwise he would have never known about the termites. The cost for the termite bond is \$5,000. Mike agreed to split the cost with us. The annual renewal is \$350, which includes an inspection. Jessica stated that if they found termites during the annual inspections, then our bond would cover the costs to treat them and repair any damage they did.

Jessica met with Tyler Sgro from the Army Corp of Engineers at Saturday Road Park after of a few surrounding residents filed complaints to Tyler claiming that the HOA went into the wetlands and wetland buffer. After meeting with Tyler, walking the property, presenting him with plats, and showing him that the buffer line was clearly marked with Army Corp Signage, the Army Corp sent us a letter confirming that we did not go into the buffer and further complied with all of their previous requirements after some clearing was done in the buffer in 2017.

The Christmas lights have been installed on the tress in the Square. The front entrance oak tree has some lights in it, but is not completely done as approximately 17 strands of lights were either cut or no longer working, so the crew could not

complete the tree. Jessica is going to purchase 20 more light strands in order to get the entire tree completed.

The Christmas tree on Maybank Green has been ordered and is scheduled to be delivered on Wednesday if the field is dry enough. The cost of the tree was \$650.

# **Covenants Committee:**

Tom recommended to the Board that we begin the fining process on several properties, as discussed in Executive session, that have not been in compliance with I'On maintenance standards for quite some time.

Motion for Board to approve fines on 9 homes recommended by the Covenants Committee. Motion Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

# **IDC Liaison Report:**

Lori reported that SCE&G has begun the street light lantern changeout on several streets. They are installing the lanterns that they have in stock, and will continue to install new lanterns as they come in. She stated that all lights should be replaced by the end of February. It was also noted that the cost to clean, straighten, and paint the light posts will be \$75 per post, which will be done after all of the new lanterns are installed.

Lori mentioned that a homeowner that installed Bermuda shutters without IDC approval will most likely be filing an appeal as they did not agree with the IDC's opinion/decision.

Lastly, the IDC is working hard to make it clear that residents MUST fill out an application for any changes being made to the exterior of their property.

# **Communications Committee:**

Chris reported that the Civitas Award is to be presented at the annual meeting. The committee that selects the recipient is comprised of a current board member, someone from the I'On Trust, and four prior recipients of the award.

Chris then stated that the 2019 directories have been printed. It was noted that we saved a significant amount of money compared to last year. The ad revenue was a little higher than last year as well. The directories have now been distributed through luminary kits and can also be picked up at the I'On Assembly office.

Chris went on to discuss a conversation he had with a resident regarding a newsletter policy. Chris stated that we do not currently have a policy surrounding the newsletter. The communications committee will look into drafting a policy in 2019. It was noted that if we do come up with a policy, that it will need to be filed with the Register of Deeds by January 10, 2020 to be enforceable.

Michele Wilson submitted her resignation from the Communication Committee due to other community commitments. It was noted that the committee is looking for more volunteers.

Lastly, Leah Simmons is to take over as newsletter editor come January 2019.

**Board of Appeals: No Report** 

# **Other Business:**

The state recently implemented stricter golf cart and moped laws. Jessica will be sending out an e-blast regarding the new golf cart and moped laws so that residents are aware of the law change.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. Next meeting is the annual meeting on January 28, 2018.

Respectfully submitted b	y	
	Chris Colen.	Board Secretary

# Amenities Report February 18, 2019

Report: dock expansion complete and in budget. Punch list items working on are- water on dock and some misc. piling work and a light on last piling, new no wake signs.

New dock gate installed and complete. Painting to be done in a few months after new wood on dock dries.

New future business – future waterfront enhancement from parking to dock gate/entry. – discuss at meeting

# Landscaping and Infrastructure - Report for HOA Feb 2019

## LI committee members and February attendees list:

- Michael Purcell (remote), Tony Woody (absent), Michele Wilson, Kim Daniels, Jessica Gosnell.
- Non-resident (Greenery): Chris Marsh (Supervisor\liaison), Tom Murray (Exec liaison)

### Annual Maintenance projects planned for 2019

- Row tree planting. 4 year rotation to replant.
- Palm tree pruning. 291 trees June/July.
- Row tree elevation. 13ft above roads, 8ft above sidewalks.

#### Completed projects in 2019

- Dock Expansion: Docks installed. Minor finishing required. Nav light, Paint.
- Frogmore pump stations gates replaced
- Vegetation cutting\removal at Eastlake bulkheads

#### List of several reserve study and other projects at various stages of investigation and planning

- Known issues with West Lake path flooding (Fernandina)
  - Will inspect for grading and remediation options
- Maybank turf issue.
  - Soil testing underway. Top dressing and replacement plans to follow
- LI committee will be conducting a walkthrough of reserve study projects
- Planning and budgeting meeting pending to develop 2019 Reserve Budget to present to Board for approval.
- More to follow when projects are prioritized, scoped and approved for funding

# **Covenants Report February 18, 2019**

Of the 7 homes that are being fined daily, 3 have submitted plans to the IDC and have begun or completed work. These 3 homes have been on my list for at least a year now and are big projects, so we are pleased to be seeing results. Once they have completed the work, we will discuss removing or reducing the fines.

Currently, there are 54 homes on the covenants violation list that are being sent violation letters. 8 of these are in stage 3 and will discuss recommending the fining process to start at our next covenants meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. 18 of these are in stage 2 and the remainder are in stage 1.

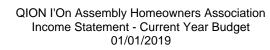
At our next meeting, the covenants committee needs to discuss developing a policy on how fines will be applied to accounts.

# **Executive Dashboard**

As of 1/31/2019

									<u>'</u>		
							Annual		YTD		YTD
Summary	Pri	or Years Ac	tual				Budget		Actual		Budget
Income Statement	2015	2016		2017	2018		2019		Jan-19		Jan-19
Assessments	\$ 760,835	\$ 799,050	\$	799,025	\$ 795,350	\$	799,050	\$	793,002	\$	799,050
Delinquent Dues	(9,032)	(6,000)		-	3,675				6,048		-
IDC Revenue	22,650	21,900		21,450	17,450		15,000		750	7	1,250
Dock Closure Rev	21,700	15,520		14,700	24,150		12,600		700	•	1,050
Other	10,498	21,808	•	5,586	11,097	•	8,600		28,884		717
Total Revenue	\$ 806,651	\$ 852,278	\$	840,761	\$ 851,722	\$	835,250	\$	829,384	\$	802,067
			,		_			_		_	
Administrative	\$ 232,471	\$ 270,451	\$	261,666	\$ 258,941	\$	263,069	\$	21,882		21,922
Legal	37,297	27,217	_	39,563	18,749		25,000		1,820		2,083
Landscaping & Maintenance	379,963	341,555	•	360,221	355,058		358,544		22,284	\$	29,879
Utilities and Ins	106,057	97,973		88,078	90,222		100,992		5,771	\$	8,416
Reserve Contribution	39,000	39,000		39,000	41,500		41,500			\$	41,500
Capital Projects	-	46,000		46,000	46,000		46,000			\$	46,000
Total Expenses	\$ 794,788	\$ 822,196	\$	834,528	\$ 810,470	\$	835,105	\$	51,757	\$	149,800
Net Surplus	\$ 11,863	\$ 30,082	\$	6,233	\$ 41,252	\$	145	\$	777,627	\$	652,266

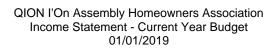
1





3301 Salterbeck St. - Ste 201 Mt. Pleasant SC 29466

		Annual Budget
	Revenue	
4000 4050 4695 4697 4698 4699 4954	Assessments Special/Specific Are Dock Maintenance Fee Directory Ad Revenue Boater Registration Dock Closure Fee IDC Revenue	799,050 100 2,000 1,500 1,600 12,600 15,000
	Total Revenue	831,850
5945 5950 6000 6010 6015 6020 6070 6080 6081 6092 6210 6224 6246 6250 6260 6400 6409 6465 6500 6557.1 6557.2 6557.3 6557.4 6819 6830 6840 6848 6849 6854 6856 6858	Expenses Social Events/Commun Creek Club Expenses Management Fee Staffing/Payroll Incentives/Commissio Contract Landscaping Warehouse Rental Office Rent Internet Expenses CAI - Board Expenses Postage & Delivery Meeting Space Rental Directory Printing Printing Office Supplies Accounting/Tax Website Maintenance Pest Control Legal/Professional IDC - NDC Expense IDC - Consultants IDC - Office Supplie IDC - Office Rent Boat Facility Mainte Signage Repairs/Maintenance Marsh Path Maintenan Landscape Lighting Plant/Tree - Replace Tree Maintenance/Tri Pine Straw/Mulch Irrigation Repairs	5,000 3,125 35,615 133,817 8,000 198,420 1,656 9,900 1,284 1,000 2,000 1,050 3,500 4,000 2,000 1,010 2,800 25,000 27,300 13,800 27,300 13,800 1,156 6,300 3,000 2,000 39,043 5,000 2,500 15,000 45,296 27,900 2,500
6864 6866 6874 6875	Mailbox Repairs Pet Stations Streetlight Replacem Butterfly Garden Sup	2,000 3,000 3,000 750





3301 Salterbeck St. - Ste 201 Mt. Pleasant SC 29466

		Annual
		Budget
6876	Seasonal Flowers	22,000
6879	Lake Maintenance Equ	1,500
6941	Pond/Lake Maintenanc	7,200
7000	Electricity	30,928
7010	Water	11,500
7015	Storm Drain	2,000
7060	Insurance	25,000
7450	Federal Income Taxes	3,500
7460	Property Taxes	1,000
	Total Expenses	744,350
8000	Replacement Reserves	41,500
8005	Reserves-Cap Project	46,000
	Net Surplus(Deficit)	0

# IDC Report I'On Assembly Board Meeting February 18, 2019

#### TO CONSIDER

A request has been made to only accept only paper submissions to the IDC. Many on the IDC are comfortable with this suggestion because they have been having problems with incomplete submittals and unnecessary time seems to be spent on tracking items down. Recommendation is to look at on-line programs such as Dropbox, Microsoft Exchange, or Google Docs, which can accept, store, and amend applications.

# NOTES FROM IDC FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 MEETING

# **Approved**

Fence/hardscape/landscape

Rear Addition.

Addition./Garage

**CTAD** 

# **Approved by NDC**

Replace rotted wood on porch

Window Replacement

CTAD/paint CTAD/paint.

Paint/same -

Repair/repaint fence Replace rotted doors

Stucco Repair Repair/fence Replace Stucco

New Roof/paint/repair Replace railings on garage

Tree removal

Final Inspection/Landscape

Replace wood steps Maint./brick walk way Repair cracks in chimney

Remove gum trees

New roof

# **Approved with Conditions**

Addt/Garage

Concpt. Enclos. Side Porch

Pavilion/pool/fence Hardscape/Landscape

Shutters CTAD –

2 Final Walk through

# **Reviewing Concept Plans**

1

# **Not Approved**

2

#### Withdrew Submission

2

**Submitted by: Julie Hussey** 

Date: 2-13-19

# Communication Report February 2019

#### **Civitas Award**

Civitas Award presented to Michele Wilson

# l'On Website Status

- We experienced a situation where the documents and photos were not available on the site. Upon investigation and further inquiry with Holy City Hosting they were not able to recover the site via backup.
- GoDaddy, Cameron Conway and Mary Fraser were able to bring all of the content back and we have terminated our relationship with Holy City.
- The following services are being provided by GoDaddy and paid in full:

# **Domain Name Registration**

5 years \$75

Per Year costs: \$18

# **Hosting Fees**

p5 years \$300

Per Year costs: \$133

#### **SSL- Secure Sockets Layer**

2 years \$460

Per Year costs: \$200

#### Site Backup

2 years \$100

Per Year costs: \$96

#### **Firewall Protection**

Requesting Board Approval to add at \$240 per year

# l'On Newsletter

• Leah Simmons has published the February Newsletter taking over from Meegan Graham. Thanks to Meegan for her 3 years of leadership in publishing the Newsletter.

# **Upcoming Activity**

 The Committee will be working on Newsletter Policy Guidelines in early 2019 for Board approval.

#### **Communication Committee**

The current Committee is comprised of: Mary Kaplan Margaret Summers (I'On Trust) Jessica Gosnell Mary Fraser

Board Approval Requested to Add: Cameron Conway Mike McLaughlin Leah Simmons