

Palm Island Estates Homeowners Assoc.
2/14/22 Board Meeting

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:01. A quorum was met with ten board members present, except Cori Palmere (excused absence).
Guests: Tom & Debbie Reinke, Lilly & Jim Onufrak.

Minutes from the January 10, 2021 board meeting were approved as corrected.

Member Comments – Turnout for the PSC hearings on February 8 & 9, was super. Several board members spoke, as well as property owners from both our island and LGI. Comments were on-point and very professionally presented. Special thanks to Theresa Blanco and Linda Cotheman for all the hours put into the presentation and preparation of material for the speakers.

Treasurer's Report – Action/Legal Fund balance as of January 31, 2022 is \$17,000. To date, a total of \$82,000 has been collected for the Action Fund. Liability insurance; normally \$3800/year has gone up to \$4700. Candy is investigating other options. Current PIE membership is 145.

Website – Meryl asked if Heather could put a still shot on and download videos of the hearings to the website.

Committee Reports – No report for Scholarship, Membership, or Beautification.

- a. Action/Central Sewer – Linda – Reported on all that happened at the hearings on 2/8 and 2/9. 30-60 people showed up to voice their opinion. No decision was reached. Briefs due on 3/16 for the ruling on 5/3. The PSC staff recommendation to the Commission will be on 4/21. Question: Do all 5 Commissioners vote on the ruling, even though only 3 were actually in attendance? No. Only the 3.
- b. Action/Fundraising – We still will need to do more fundraising. LGI is just now starting to understand what is going on; the LGI Board is split on this issue.
- c. Info Central/Sally – No decision reached as to inviting our Deputy to a meeting; or whether to include the Sheriff.
- d. Social/Kathy – Fun-raising suggestions included Lites Out Party, Pickle Ball Tournament, Scavenger Hunt, and Street Dance. For May after the Sewer issue has been resolved a “Cheers or Tears” party was suggested, regardless of the decision. Committee members are: Kathy Sickles, Rose Malone, Cori Palmere, and Meryl Schaffer.

- e. Island Watch/Linda –. Roads & Bridges is adding an Iguana Control sentence to their Mission statement. Traffic control signs were on N. Gulf for a couple of weeks; but the data provided was not particularly helpful. The annual Bridge inspections have been completed. New traffic study is now underway; partially precipitated by very large rocks placed in the R.O.W. which is not permissible under the new r.o.w. ordinance.
- f. Barrier Island Fire Advisory Board/Candy – At the last meeting the focus was on timing of the equipment replacements. (one engine & possibly the pumper or tanker) The ribbon cutting for the new station is scheduled for March 15. Complaints about the new station lighting being bright & on 24 hours, plus the landscaping using sod, which requires a lot of water and maintenance. The first water bill was \$2600. Questions were raised about the disposal of the old station.
- g. Community Liaison/Craig – Motion to hire extra coverage deputy over Spring Break was defeated 8-1. Craig reported on the number of responses to the PSC website over the Sewer issue: after 1/21, 156 emails, 9 mailed, with 977 responses since the start of the campaign.

Old Business:

New Business:

Member Comments: Reminder that Bocilla Conservancy is hosting a “Roaring 20’s” Dinner/Dance on March 26.

Next Board Meeting is March 14, 2022. Meeting adjourned 6:15.

Pat Gordon, Secretary