

Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.
10/12/2020 Board of Directors Meeting

President Lou Ellen Wilson Called the Meeting to Order at 5:01 PM

Present via Zoom: Lou Ellen Wilson, Sally B. Johnson, Craig Baresel, Heather Stout, Lindsay Yates, Cori Palmere, Linda Cotherman, Candy Cohen, Meryl Schaffer

Absent: Pat Gordon

Guests: Nicholas Zakov, Jodi Weiss, Ellie Cress (new owner in the Resort)

Member Comments/Correspondence

Nicholas Zakov promoted having neighborhood communication with direct posting, similar to a NextDoor bulletin board. Discussion about refreshing the Palm-Don Pedro-Knight Island NextDoor Community, publicize it on the website and the next email blast. Heather offered to help Meryl with reinstating it. Suggested to contact guest Jodi Weiss to help as well.

Minutes: Craig Baresel made motion to accept 08.10.20 meeting minutes without change: approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lindsay Yates. New items were payment for late invoicing from the Street Dance for port-a-potties and scholarship check to Allie Dunlap. Cori Palmere made motion to accept Treasurer's report without change: approved.

President's Report:

Discussion of estoppel requests. if title companies ask for estoppel report we will charge \$250.00 for the privilege (service will be free to PIE members).

Report of Corresponding Secretary – Meryl. Website Update: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Info Central** – Sally. Nothing to report
- b. **Social** - Lou Ellen. Nothing to report
- c. **Island Watch** – Linda. Australian pine removal on hold because the contract for removal went out to bid again. Roads contractor will do bridge repairs before the present contract run out. Question raised about iguana eradication. There is no county agency that takes care of it. County is doing a study on taxing units (MSTU-BUs) and when that's done we may be able to get a trapper funded through the R&B committee. Until then the homeowners are on their own. Buzz was thanked for keeping the roads in such great condition.
- d. **Barrier Island Fire District MSBU** – Candy. There was a fire last week up at the resort. Discussed the arrival of the firefighters on site about 10 +/- minutes before the mainland responders, but they couldn't begin to fight the fire because of the 2-person regulation. Electrical disconnect in the A/C started the fire. Neither unit was occupied. Fire station construction: Update this morning from the Fire Chief, activities on the new firehouse should start moving more quickly as permits are nearly finalized. Signs of progress are becoming more visible at the new firehouse site as the fire line is getting installed this week. Drive by the site over the next few weeks and enjoy the neighboring muhly grass in full bloom.

- e. **Utility Update** – Craig. Last quarterly utility meeting had nothing going on that involved the Islands. Next meeting on November 17th. Mentioned agreement between Environmental Utilities, Inc. and the County which is an open-ended contract to provide sewer to our Islands & Little Gasparilla. Requires permitting with PSC, also permits to run pipe through Don Pedro State Park. No information available about EU, Inc. as company is private. Nothing listed yet at PSC. Expect a long time to pass before there's forward motion.
- f. **Administration** – Lindsey: Nothing to Report
- g. **Security** – Dave Mulvaney. (Lou) Deputy Billy is being allowed to spend more time here. Has 2 new vehicles – a pickup truck and a Polaris. Both are being used to drive down the beach to LGI. Will be on-Island 5 days a week. Absolutely no reports to their office from our Island for the last 2 months. Brief discussion of the Deputy taking a pick-up truck on the beach – not happy about it.
- h. **Scholarship** – Heather. Allie Dunlap is scholarship recipient. She did her community service helping Heather refresh the PIE bulletin boards.
- i. **Welcome/Membership** – Cori. Continues to send welcome letters to new homeowners.
- j. **Beautification** – Pat - Annual Clean-Up Day. No report.

Old Business:

- a. **Social Events** – Pumpkin Patch/Yard Sale – cancelled. Plans for Santa Con: Need early notice to encourage folks to decorate their houses. Idea to have a travelling trophy award for holiday lights contest. Lindsay made a motion to do SantaCon on 12/19/20: approved. Plans for New Year's Parade: Motion to have the parade and appoint a committee to work out the protocols to keep people as safe as possible. Approved with 8 in favor, one opposed (Lindsay).

New Business:

- a. **Set Date/Place for Annual Meeting.** Discussed having the meeting live at the firehouse – outdoors & bring your own chairs (would need a rain date) vs. the tent at the resort (but would need to move the date further away from the holidays). Motion to hold the meeting on Sat. January 2nd at 10:00 AM sign-in @ 9:30 @ the firehouse – bring your own chairs. Candy amended motion to include encouraging electronic and proxy voting to cut down on paperwork. Rain date would be the following Saturday January 9.
- b. **Set Number of Directors for 2021.** This year we had 11 directors. All current members up for re-election have agreed to run again. Craig made a motion to have 11 members: approved.
- c. **Appoint Nominating Committee/Date** for Resume to be submitted. Nicholas Zakov agreed to run for the Board. Sally will connect with him for info.
- d. **2021 Budget:** Lou proposed dues reduction due to the reduced activities because of COVID. Craig made a motion to keep the dues at 50.00/year: approved unanimously.

Comments from Members (topics other than agenda items)

Adjournment: 6:45 PM