

P.I.E BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2010

Station #10 Firehouse

5:00 PM

Present: Pat Gordon, Cathy Crowe, Don Milroy, Ken Conner, Jackie York, Pat Bieneman, Robin Madden, Kevin Stevens, Gay Corrozo, Suzy Kett, Rose Malone, Jeff Minnett

Absent: Kevin Mackin, Kim Peacock

Guests: Bob Pierce, Wayne Griffith, Don Hock, Jay Julian

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by President, Don Milroy.

Don announced that Jack MacArthur has resigned from the Board. We have 14 remaining Board members, which is sufficient.

The minutes from the March meeting, held on March 1, 2010, were approved as written.

Committee reports are as follows:

Membership Directory vs. Paid Memberships: Pat is communicating with Kim. It was mentioned that the mailing lists are not always correct as they are taken from the tax rolls. It was suggested that we update our By-Laws in the future to use e-mail rather than snail mail.

WHPP (no report)

Friends of P.I.E. (no report)

Art in the Palms (1st promo will be done by Kim. Rose will send via e-mail.)

The status of the walkover on Access #6 was discussed. It was first placed 18 inches off of the easement, but is now moved where it is supposed to be. There will be 8 steps on each end. The bid called for 1 1/4 decking vs. 2 inches. Thinner should be better and it is \$200.00 more for thicker. Don obtained a legal opinion regarding the structure on the easement and it was deemed to be okay. The Board approved the expense for the legal opinion.

Ken Conner presented information he obtained from the Palm Island Resort's Association Meeting he attended for Don. Fire Chief DiDio did a presentation about our fire station. Ken found that the Resort issues are the same as ours and we should work together to resolve common issues. Ken will attend the fall meeting scheduled for November 8th.

Don confirmed that he spoke with Sheriff Cameron and John Stewart will continue to be our on island Deputy. His anticipated return date is May 28th.

P.I.E. participation in island events was generally discussed. It was clarified that P.I.E. does not officially perform a service and we will coordinate events. Suzy advised that the Easter Pancake Breakfast was a great event and thanked everyone for their help.

OLD BUSINESS:

--Water Outage Notification: we do not have procedures as yet.

--House Numbering/Signage: this is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Gordon advised that we have an invoice for necessary electrical work from Dick Sadenwater which was done for the Pancake Breakfast. The Board voted to pay the \$88.34, which was not in the approved budget.

Guests from Palm Island Resort Associations discussed several items of interest to all islanders as follows:

Stump Pass Dredging: In preparation, the county bulldozed the south end of Manasota Key to destroy potential bird nesting habitat. They cannot move bird nests, but can move turtle nests. The tentative date to begin dredging is November, however, it may begin sooner, possibly in June.

The issue of cutting/clearing of foliage on N. Gulf Blvd was discussed. This is a safety issue as there have been some close calls with traffic, pedestrians and bikers. Bob Pierce advised that he has been talking to the County regarding a potential solution. If the County does the work, they will survey properties and clear 10 feet using our tax dollars. If we do it, they still have to survey, but will agree to allow clearing of 5 feet. There is nothing in writing regarding this at this time. The P.I.E. Board voted in a previous meeting that we will take no position as a Board. However, the solution may be to have volunteers help clear lots. If vacant lots only are cleared, it could fix about 60% of the problem.

Jay Julian discussed the status of the fire station and volunteer situation. He feels that we should call a special meeting to get as many members as possible in to talk about the situation. With 41 calls per year and a volunteer shortage, it hardly seems worth the dollars it takes to maintain a volunteer fire station. An alternative could be to eliminate the MSBU and become a regular station. He has approached Chief DiDio to start talking to the County about how to proceed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Madden, Secretary