

July 2025 - Meeting Notes for Palm Island Estates (PIE) Board of Directors

The meeting took place July 14th, 2025. It started at 5:01pm and adjourned at 6:14pm.

In Attendance:

- Amy McCully - attended in person
- Linda Cotherman - attended in person
- Deb Knighten - attended via call
- Kelly Lube - attended via call
- Ember Harker - attended in person
- Susanne Stubbs - attended in person
- George Sinnett - attended in person
- Mic McCully - attended in person

Guests:

- none

Recording Secretary - Ember Harker

- June Minutes - Ember to fix the date before posting
- **ACTION:** Ember to post last month's minutes to the website

Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Lube

- Nothing to report
- But the emails are piling up because Kelly isn't great at deleting / archiving emails
 - **ACTION:** Amy to do a cleanup and Kelly to improve deleting skills

Treasurer - Deb Knighten

- Provided via email
- Approved report for informational purposes

Administrative - Deb Knighten

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Action - Linda Cotherman

- **Neighborhood Plan**
 - On the 24th, the County is selecting an engineering firm to oversee the project
 - The county plans to host open meetings where the public can go to be a part of the update of the community plan.
 - The original was written primarily by Meryl. The Action Committee, chaired by Linda, will form a new group (doesn't need to be the same as the sewer committee) and re-write it by surveying the community interests to best advocate for our island.
 - Starting this Wednesday, we have four weekly emails to go out about this project and what's coming up. Then we are doing a series to collect public insight - likely via polls.
- **Sewer is completely over**

Social - Kelly Lube

- The sandcastle contest on the 4th of July was a hit, once again. Here are a few numbers to show the general demographic in attendance.
 - We had 19 groups of people "sign-in" accounting for over 60 people. That being said, we easily had about 80 people come through.
 - ~80% of attendees were 10 years old or older.
 - ~60% of attendees were over 20 years old.
 - Here is the breakdown of the ages.

■	13	0-10yr
■	12	11-20yr
■	5	21-30yr
■	3	31-40yr
■	7	41-50yr
■	13	51-60yr
■	8	60+
 - Most people were owners or guests staying with owners. There was one group that were staying at a rental property but are directly related to a full-time island resident. There were two other groups of renters (non-owners)
 - This year there were noticeably less people, probably because of rain, but the event was still a wild success.
 - **ACTION: Ember to create some social posts to help share some of this info.**
- The board agrees to do a similar sign in sheet at future events to get some stats on the people who were attending. Whether they were PIE members, whether we are owners / renters, ages, etc.
- **ACTION: Amy to send website updates about the social committee**
- Nothing coming up until Halloween

Info Central - Susanne Stubbs

- Maybe one for Neighborhood Plan
- Dune restoration coming in the Fall with Truex

Island Watch, Roads & Bridges, Barrier Island Fire District - Linda Cotherman

- **Road & Bridges** - meets on the 24th to discuss things in the right of way, iguanas, and wooden bridge maintenance
- **Fire** - July 25th next meeting, no updates
- **Boat & Trailer** on Gasparilla Way was pulled out of the water by the county. They are coming to get more as well. Someone will come to pick it up.
- **Fireworks** - they were much less this year
- **Gazebo** - Roped off due to erosion. We got a quote of \$400 to move it but we aren't sure where we can put it. Linda to talk to Adam to get more info and find out about the red spraypaint lines. (\$400 to move the shed as well)
- **Road Collapses** - one of S. Gulf and N. Gulf. Both have been presented to Road and Bridges, hoping for an update on the 24th meeting.
- **Clean Up** - 2 tons of vegetation and 4 tons construction debris
 - **ACTION:** *Ember to make a social post to promote that*

Community Liaison - Linda Cotherman

- Nothing to report

Scholarship - Kelly Lube

- Nothing to report
- **ACTION:** *Amy and Kelly to reword the Scholarship to be more of a starting out fund and also clarify what happens when there are multiple applicants.*

Membership - George Sinnott

- Got two new members
- Three notes went to new owners
- Deb wrote a 4 email campaign.
 - **ACTION:** *Deb to work with communications to send new email campaign*
- Can't have renters be PIE Members, but they can be "Friends of PIE." They don't get to vote but they get to join the email list. It's a variable donation.
- **ACTION:** *George and Deb to resurface the welcome basket. Needs some updates.*

Communications - Ember Harker

- **Website:** Still need to extract us from Weebly. They have our g-suite / email, domain, and website all connected. Need to see if we can pull that apart.

- **Emails:** Is membership adding people / managing database
- **Reusable Sign:** Done and
- **Text Messaging:** All being handed over to Jude via BICI. Need to follow up.

Old Business

- **Board Buttons** - **ACTION:** Ember to get files from Deb and confirm Vista Print for buttons
- **Business Cards** - **ACTION:** Ember to get files from Deb and confirm Vista Print for cards

New Business

- **Demo Gardens** - There's one at the ferry landing / flag pole.
 - **ACTION:** Linda to remove signs at the old firehouse as it's no longer there
 - **ACTION:** Kelly to report back next month about whether she recommends we keep it or re-establish it as a different program. Additionally, wait until we find out where we are moving the gazebo.
- **Art in the Palms** - It used to be the main fundraiser for PIE. Artists came over and set up to sell art, we sold food / drinks via tickets, we had entertainment and a silent auction. It lost steam due to changing management and poor attendance. Now BICI wants to pick it back up. Artist Carol Swayze is running a lot of it. But BICI needs help, Feb 7th 10-4. We need board members to be there to help run things, run an info tent, help set up, tear down, etc. PIE will fully support the event.